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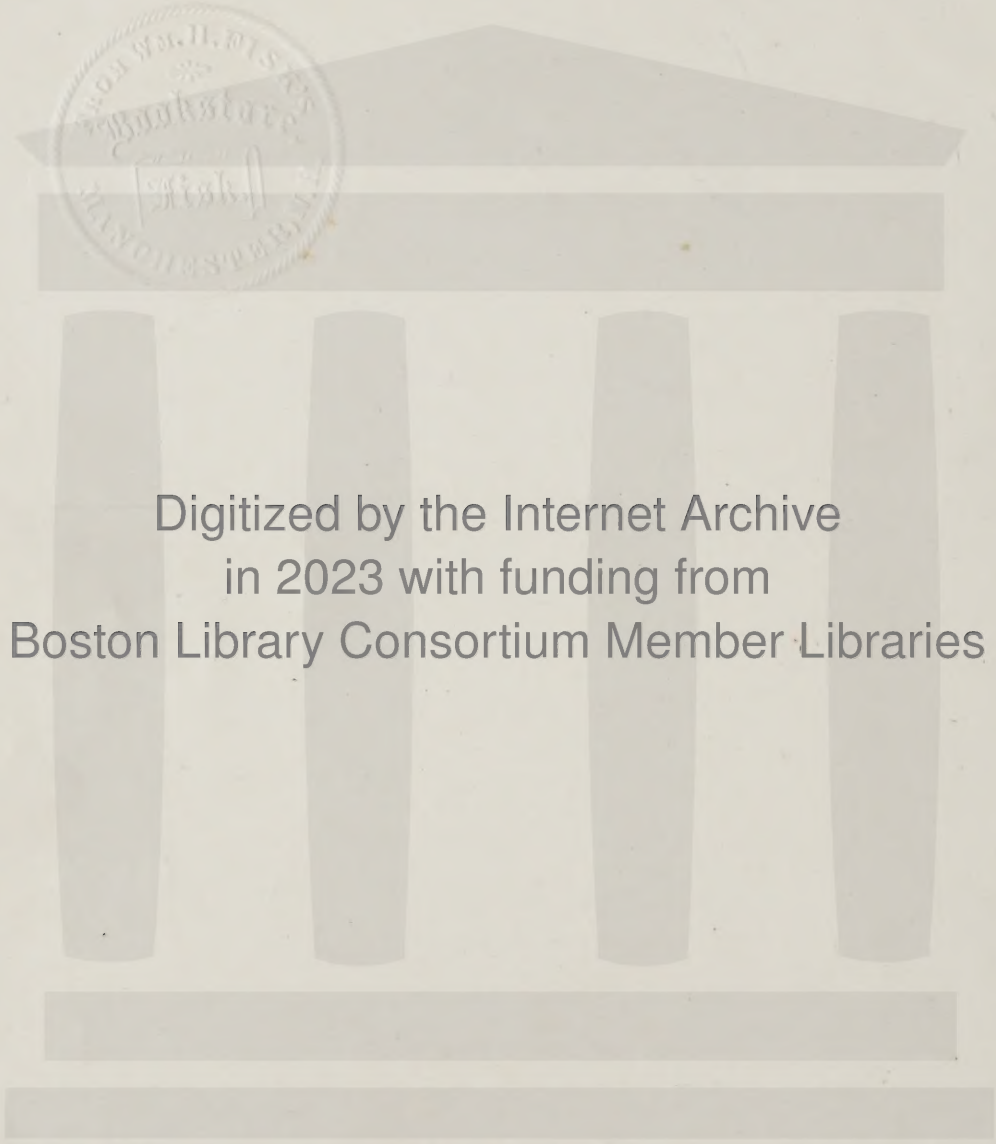

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Note

Record of the Proceedings of the Salem F. M. Conference of First Day Schools.

8 mo 14 1867

A meeting called to consider the subject of forming a First Day School Conference, was held by the Friends of Salem Quarterly Meeting, at Lynn, on the evening of 8 mo 19th 1869. and temporarily organized by the appointment of

Wm A. Brown

for Chairman.

Wm C. Nichols for Secretary.

The subject of forming the proposed Conference being considered it was decided unanimously to form such an association and it was permanently organised by the election of Ephraim Breed for Chairman.

and J. H. Crossman for Secy.

The following Friends were chosen to constitute an Executive Committee viz

Wm A. Brown,
Eliza B. Boyce,
John Shoaduke
Mary B. Breed,
Abigail M. Tomson,
Jonathan H. Osborne.

Said committee was subsequent—

enlarged by the addition of two Friends from each Preparative Meeting viz:

For Salem Joshua Buxton Jr
& Phebe H. Buxton.

For Lynn Mary E Walker
& Thomas Wood.

For No Ware Dennis A. Paige
& Sarah P. Nichols.

Ware South meeting Caroline E. Paige
& Charles Hoag.

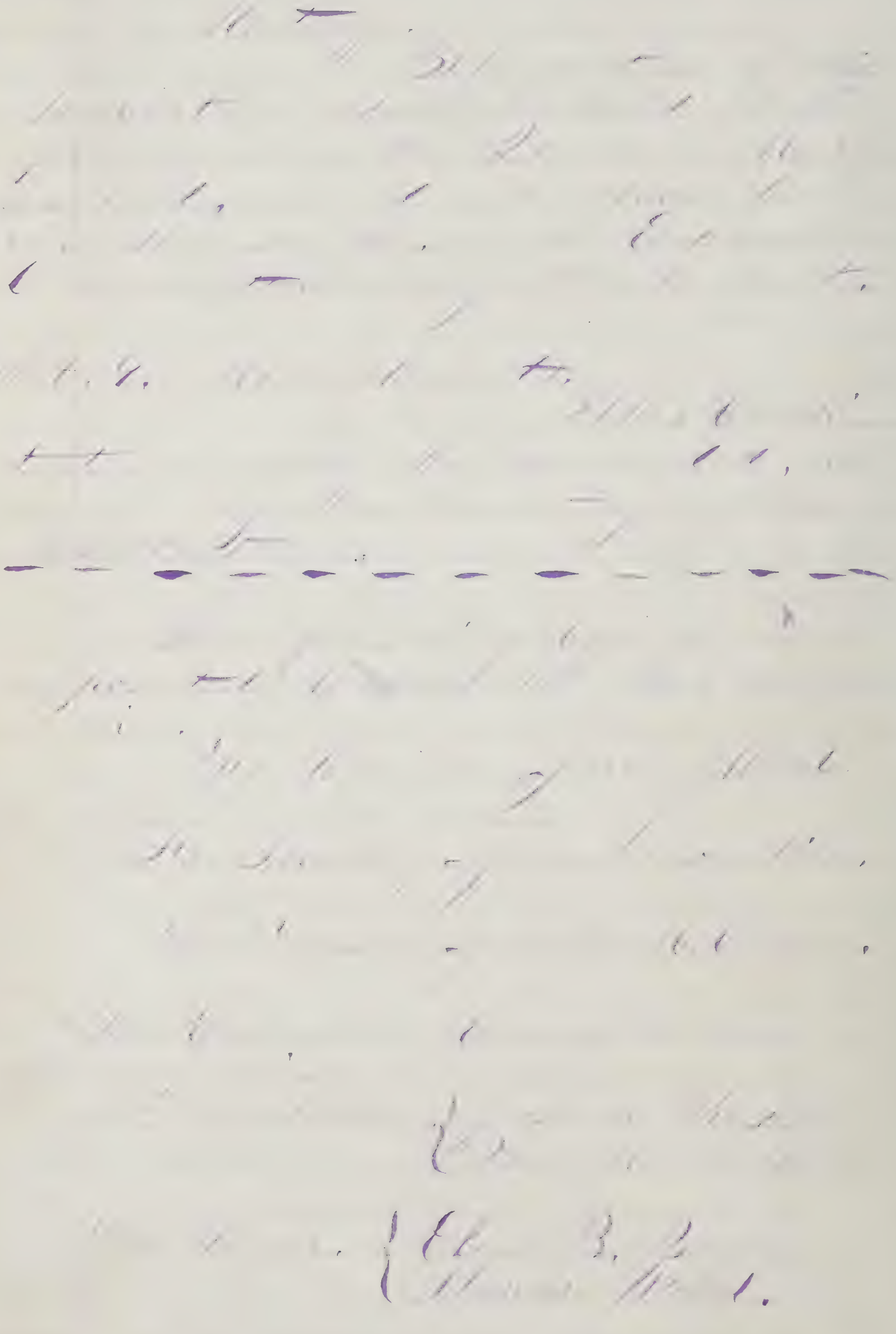
Hardwick Franklin S. Huntington
& Lavinia Huntington.

Amesbury Abraham L. Huntington
& Rebecca B. Breed.

West Newbury Robert L. Brown
& Mary Alice Brown

Epping — Charles E. Folsom
Evaline A. Folsom

The Executive Committee was instructed to prepare a Constitution & rules for the government of the Conference and present the same at the adjourned



The Executive committee being now called upon to give accounts of the several Schools, Joshua Buxton reported a small one in Salem Preparative Meeting, which has one Birthright Member.

Plainfield Preparative Meeting, by accounts from Mark E. Hicks, Clerk, and William T. Brown has a large and interesting School of 130 or 40 scholars. [illegible] 2 Teachers, which is considered important and [illegible]

Teachers meetings are also held regularly, and are recommended as being very useful.

The Sabbath School at Ngaruawahia under the care of Sister Woods has been very successful

Miss E. Hacker would have us careful to provide comfortable & pleasant [illegible] to avoid wandering in the exercises.

The [illegible] Sabbath Meeting at [illegible] Miss B. Reed has had [illegible] at first by Sabbath [illegible] last three months.

The interest in the School, is evidently increasing

The Weare South meeting has an increasing interest as reported by Sister E. Hickey.

The School at Hamilton has an average attendance of 10 scholars. One Bible Class is maintained.

Sister Reed recommended the use of Sacred Cards for Sabbath attendance, good behavior, and good lessons.

Sister Young

J. M. Coleman reported a Mission School at Grand Bassa, which has been under his care. It commenced with a good attendance, but soon the number fell off. After a time many left their children at the expense, and their number became so small that the school was discontinued.

Edwin Jones has been appointed to the care of Heddington by Synod and he has entered upon his work.

Thomas D. Bayer recommends a selection of Scripture in Bible classes, so that each member may have the benefit of attending the exercises.

Samuel A. Nichols gave an account of a Mission School at Hennikeh under his care which numbers 15 scholars.

A Sabbath School was commenced at Bexley, but it has not been kept up.

Charles C. Sutton reported that the Seminary School at Bexley was under his care, and in a flourishing state. He would like

[illegible] encourage the work of Sabbath School instruction by their [illegible].

[illegible] Let us endeavor to [illegible] Pray for the [illegible] Trust in God. Giving assistance and then [illegible] will be successful as they would.

[illegible] Raising [illegible] the average attendance at the [illegible] School [illegible] 20 Scholars.

R. L. Brown informs that the West Auburn [illegible] Bible Class has been organised

The Epping School numbering [illegible] 40 Scholars has one Bible Class reported by [illegible].

Thompson Hall [illegible] the meeting with a Black Board exercise in which he compared the spirit of the Christian to the rules of the Lighthouse viz [illegible] to give light to [illegible] the [illegible] to keep the [illegible] to [illegible] &c.

The [illegible] interesting Document by Mary E. Hawks.

Catharine Sailor, of Canada, recommended for Teachers to prepare for [illegible], and recommended by others.

In quiet waiting, we must [illegible] to wait, [illegible] assembled, and to whose service we had endeavored to dedicate [illegible], and to crown, our little gathering with his precious Presence,

[illegible]

Shumaker
Secretary.

Salem Quarterly
Conference of First Day
held at Salem [illegible]
of 1st mo. Sept. 11th.

The usual exercises by
reading [illegible] and
Psalm.

Vocal prayer was then
offered [illegible]
in worship and encouraged [illegible]
to [illegible] with us
read. viz From Salem as follows

To the First Day School Conference
to be held at Salem 1st mo 20th 1870

At present there is Belle
class connected with this meeting
which has been in [illegible]
years, comprised [illegible]
Although [illegible]
small we think there has been an
increased interest and [illegible]
with the last two or three months
[illegible] meetings, have been
[illegible] large ones, crowding
the house. The last class is
[illegible] Students. There are but
few children belonging to this
meeting. We [illegible] of some
[illegible] could [illegible]

[illegible] about fifty years ago, but
no record has been kept of them.
In the year [illegible] there
[illegible] consisted of seventy five scholars
in three [illegible] Books containing
Lessons about, prizes and the Exercises
used, [illegible] a part of which
[illegible] a chapter in the Testament with
[illegible] Answers also a Selected
Hymn, or Verse of Poetry, by one
of the Classes
Questions are asked by any
of the Classes

Esther Burton
Ellen M Burton

Report from Lyons.

Visit to the City School at Lyons.

Before we [illegible], and ex-
pected, that a Report from
the Lyons City School Committee, at
Lyons would be presented to this meeting
giving an account of the School at that
place, [illegible] its condition and
progress, since the last meeting of this
Convention. But owing to some misunder-
standing about the timely presentation of

[illegible] a report, at present necessarily brief, [illegible] some statistical matter which might be interesting, to the meeting [illegible] would be [illegible].

Our School [illegible] at the present term, 150 [illegible] enrolled, with [illegible] 120 Teachers. The average [illegible] during the last [illegible] months has been about [illegible].

We are glad to be able to announce that during the last [illegible] months a very decided improvement has been visible in our School in several important particulars. There has been a greater and steady increase of members, and more punctual attendance, in the interest manifested by both Teachers and Scholars.

And while we must admit that there is a delinquency on the part of some of our Teachers, we would [illegible] to the worthy cause, and particularly our prompt attendance upon our Teachers' meetings, we have a goodly number in our corps of Teachers, who are earnest, faithful, and devoted workers, and who [illegible] the spirit and [illegible] of the School [illegible].

Every week stamps the visible [illegible] of God upon our School, and [illegible] the leaves of their faithfulness and zeal do

[illegible] the work before us and
look upward in our prayers, that
we may have the Teacher's Study Class
records that Spirit of Enlightenment,
which will [illegible] keep us
living to the [illegible] of the Divine
Religion, with which I am identified.

Our School is divided into classes
numbering from 2 to 10 or 12 each this
the number present in each class
at about 5.

We have 3 Bible Classes, a Visitation
Section of Scholars for consideration
at Session but 1 each class respectively,
while the younger Classes are
Absorbed in Lessons in Morals and
Manners and are directed by ap-
propriate Text.

All of these classes meet at the
same time and not in connec-
tion with any of the Services
of the School.

Our Teachers Meetings are
held weekly at the Pastor's, under
the direction of our Superintendent
at which we consider our Lessons
the Lessons Assigned for the next
First Day, & all business and
Interests connected before us in
the interest of the School or of the
Association, in the intervals of its
regular Exercises.

Since the last Meeting of this Con-
ference we have baptized in our

of studying Science some of the Children to do so.

I will have suggested that the Superintendent and Teachers to the Library [illegible] the selection, purchase of this kind, as [illegible] Sunday.

Please see that experiments are think such exercises [illegible] suitable, and beneficial, for [illegible] of the Sunday School, and [illegible] for the use of our friends [illegible] [illegible] their services, to try at and [illegible] for themselves.

Yours truly

Report from [illegible] Meeting

[illegible]

[illegible]

We [illegible] that the blessing of [illegible] have attended our [illegible].

We believe the meetings of the Conference held at this place [illegible] Smith the last-had [illegible] people of our vicinity [illegible]

The attendance [illegible] increased, being [illegible] from 21 [illegible] average [illegible] for the last 3 months.

[illegible] Bible Class [illegible] have [illegible] attended [illegible].

We hope for still greater [illegible] to our [illegible].

We have now 3 Classes, one being composed of young children.

It is noticeable that our increased [illegible]

Besides the regular class exercises we have at each session, [illegible] of Scripture [illegible] previously appointed for the purpose, a recitation of Scripture on some religious matter, by each member of the School, which we find exceedingly profitable to the entertainment and instruction of the children.

For the better regulation of our School we have one Monthly meeting, appointing a Successor for the ensuing Month at the third Session thereof. The Superintendent is instructed and empowered to call a meeting of the Children's Parents or Guardians whenever he thinks it necessary for the benefit of the School.

Our Library [illegible] is at present very small, but we hope to increase it by the donations of friends of the children and we intend to have a Library Night once a month when we shall distribute the books.

Report of Committee.

To the Annual Yearly School Conference to be held at Salem, March 26th 1870.

Your Committee to whom
was referred the matter of
our Yearly Conference,
after due consideration of the
same, beg leave to submit the
following Bill of Fare for
the three days, that we shall meet
together.

Breakfast at 8 o'clock A.M.
Dinner at 12 M.
Supper at 5 P.M.

Which is all the
children belonging to our
Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted
Lorenzo Huntington
Lorenzo Huntington
Committee

[illegible] Committee

[illegible] visited the 19th of 12 mo.

[illegible] travelling is usually bad in the winter season, and the children [illegible] of them small, and [illegible] scattered, it was thought best to [illegible] the next Spring.

We visited 21 Schools commencing the 23d of 6th mo.

[illegible] 20 were kept of the usual [illegible] 2 Classes, which included nearly all the children that [illegible] ought to attend, and the [illegible] of those most inconvenient [illegible] than five miles from the School.

[illegible] attendance during [illegible] 12. We closed with 16 Scholars [illegible] the Year & [illegible] Committee the sum of [illegible] for the use of the School, [illegible] and have expended as follows, 12 Copies Children's Friend, 20 Copies 400 Miscellaneous [illegible] Amounting to [illegible]

[illegible] have not yet received [illegible] Quarters due from [illegible] Trustees for the Interest [illegible] they have manifested in [illegible]

[illegible] Sunday School Convention.

Sixty-first Day Session.

Through the influence and [illegible] present at the last Sunday Convention held at [illegible] Peace, and by the blessing of God we have been enabled to continue our School to the present time, with increased numbers and increased interest.

We believe God has visited us and by his Holy Spirit has caused [illegible] to ask for pardon and salvation.

[illegible] has been offered at the opening of the School and at [illegible] We have not known to [illegible] but [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] Sunday School.

[illegible]

Respectfully [illegible]

We have received a donation
from the last Conference. I deem
it proper to report how the money
has been expended.

We received $9.71 which has been
expended as follows,

3 Question Books	1.25
6 Bibles to Copies	2.30
Postage on Books	.24
Express on Library Books Given by the Methodist Sunday School, Lafayette St, Salem, Mass	1.00
Stamps and Cards & Tracts for the Children	1.20
Paper for Covering Books	.06
	$5.75

Having paid out $5.75 more
than received.

On addition to the above we have
received a few small Library Books
from [illegible] Society, in Hamilton
Mass. Copies of the
"Little Learner" Part 1 & Part
2 Books, and one Bible from
the Bible Society.

We seem to be in need of a few Bibles
and it is very doubtful in my mind
if the interest can be kept up

[illegible]

Respectfully submitted
[illegible]

"The [illegible] of the [illegible]"
[illegible] presented [illegible] consideration
[illegible] discussion
[illegible]
[illegible] Essay by [illegible]

Remarks were now made showing
the [illegible] of the position of the Teacher
[illegible] the youthful mind.
[illegible] were encouraged to be punctual
in attendance of Schools, and
earnest in caring for their classes,
and [illegible]
interest in the Teacher, was wanting
the scholars invariably lose their interest, [illegible]

[illegible] were reminded that as the
[illegible] of the Potter is seen in the
[illegible] which he is [illegible],
so the [illegible] of the Teacher [illegible] seen
in [illegible].

The Teacher in [illegible]
[illegible] also meets long [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

"The Duty of the Sabbath
a "Good Teacher?" was
the meeting for
discussion by
, who reminded
of the importance of impressing
upon their minds the necessity
of
carrying the recommendations of
the children, and their habits & tastes,
and adapt their teachings as far as
they do, to their condition
He may take advantage of the curiosity,
and impressibleness, which
universally prevails with children,
& teach them important lessons.

as they are inclined to
place implicit confidence in those who
have the care of them in infancy,
they may be impressed with the
necessity of trusting, & of loving, and
obeying our common Parent who
never disappoints them.

He then recommended that
the right spirit, in which
to the children, as a Good Teacher
is interested and invited to
do.

What [illegible]

[illegible] recommended
[illegible] help to the Schools [illegible]
[illegible] to devotional [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] with
an interesting and instructive
[illegible]

which the meeting adjourned.

[illegible] Thornditch
[illegible]
Secretary

Salem Quarterly Meeting
Conference of Friends First day
Schools held at Amesbury
Fifth Month, Twenty fifth, 1875.

The meeting was opened by reading the
Twenty Seventh Psalm following
which was a season of impressive
silence, Vocal prayer was offered,
in which the Divine blessing was
invoked upon the deliberations
of the Conference, and upon the
cause which it was instituted to
promote.

The Secretary being absent, on
motion of Augustine Jones,
J. Edmund Paige was appointed
Secretary for the Evening.

The minutes of the previous
meeting were read,

Written reports from all
the schools in the Quarterly Meeting
except Lynn and Amesbury were
received and read, Verbal reports
from these schools were given by
members of each respectively.

The accounts as received are
substantially as follows - viz.

Lynn; School large & prosperous;
One lesson System pursued. Teachers
meetings productive of much benefit.

Salem; Bible class kept up.
Average attendance, 13 or 14.
An increase in numbers, soon after last conference. Corresponding falling off, latterly.

Amesbury – An increase of twelve pupils. Interest maintained.

North Weare; attendance larger than when last reported. Largest number 47 – average 40. Deepening interest.
South Weare. Number of pupils 50. Average attendance 35. Library enlarged and additional interest apparent.

Henniker – School nearly the same as when last reported. Bible class of 11 & small class of four. Average attendance of whole school – 11.

West Epping. School of a missionary character. Interest diversified & lively and increased interest apparent. Total membership 28. Average attendance about 20.

West Newbury. School attended by all the Friends who go to meeting constantly. Number not often exceeding 22.
No question books used. "Good words" distributed amongst the children.

Second Creek Mission School,
reopened Fifth Month, first.
Average attendance 21, against 12
last season. None of the pupils have
been in the practice of attending any
Sabbath school, or meeting

East Deering Mission School; held
every First day with one exception.
Notwithstanding, inclement weather
and bad travelling the attendance
has averaged 29. A Prayer meeting
instituted by the Bible class, has
been kept up thro' the winter.

The attention of the Conference was
then turned to an Essay, by
Augustine Jones, subject "Bible Class".
The writer warmly urged the great
need of the bible class in our
Society; as an educator of its mem-
bers in the true doctrines of
Christianity; as a school of discipline
wherein every side of every question
may be fairly and fully considered.
Each member to study carefully the
portion of scripture to come before
the class, bringing his own opinion,
founded upon his judgment, un-
biased by commentators, and un-
hampered by Ecclesiastical dogmas.
Then instead of holding loosely a
set of principles ready prepared and

handed to us, we are ~~ready~~ able to defend the doctrines of the Christian religion by a direct reference to the teachings of Christ and his apostles.

It is a sad error to ignore the use of the reason and intellect in passing upon religious matters; an error into which a careful following of the guidance of the Spirit, would not lead us.

We look forward hopefully to the time when members of our society will be able to meet inquiries relative to those points which distinguish the belief and the practices of Friends, upon the broad ground of intellectual education, and spiritually enlightened reason.

During a short recess, slips of paper were circulated among the audience, upon which they were requested to place questions. These questions were subsequently propounded by the chairman and elicited interesting and lively replies. By this method many objections of practical utility were called out. The use of text-books, especially for young pupils was discussed at some length.

It is well to lead to clear out the ideas and thoughts of the children, rather than to cram their minds with

matter to be studied for their comprehension. In teaching young children never forget the disparity between their age and your own. Bring yourself down to their understanding. To fill schools and Bible classes, make them so interesting that they cannot fail of being attractive. This can only be effected by being thoroughly interested ourselves.

James D. Boyce Esqr. at some length upon the results which have followed the establishment of Sabbath schools and scriptural instruction.

Our education to be effectual must be complete in its parts. Not only the physical, intellectual and moral, but the spiritual part of our nature must receive its full share of attention. We rejoiced in the efforts that are being made in the direction of biblical instruction, and drew from the signs of the times, hopeful auguries for the future. Advancement is not a theory, it is a fact.

The speaker cited the efforts which are now making to introduce the bible in Spain - the vast numbers that are being distributed there, and the eagerness of the people to receive them, notwithstanding persecution and powerful

habitual intolerance, to earnestly
efforts to all, to rise up and doing
in everything that tends to the
elevation of humanity and the
christianization of the world.

Interesting and instructive remarks
were made by Caroline E. Talbot,
Hannah C. Sawyer, Mrs. L. Hubbard
Maria Stanley, and several others.

After being fervently com-
mended to God, and to the word of
His grace — and feeling that our
coming together was not in vain,
in strengthening our hearts, and
strengthening our hands for the
labor, the conference adjourned.

J. Ellwood Page
Secretary pro. tem.

more attention thereto."

dismissed at the morning Conference and hope that we may have much that is beneficial.

Robert F. Brown
Mary Alice Brown.

Samuel E. Peck Bigbee School
to the Auxiliary Conference to be held at Provo
the 1st inst.

Our short but interesting
[illegible] has been added. [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible]
[illegible] Bigbee. The [illegible]
[illegible] $2.55 for 12 [illegible]
[illegible]

read be omitted the reading expunged, and the Conference now adjourned.

Hannah Bailey
Clk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference of Friends First-day School, held at Salem, 19th of First Month 1871.

The President opened the meeting by reading the first Chapter of the Book of Ephesians.

Following a devotional pause, James P. Bayce, Chairman of the Executive Committee, offered a few remarks expressive of thankfulness that amongst all the vicissitudes of life we were again permitted to meet in this capacity.

The Secretary of the Conference was [illegible] being present.

On motion J. James P. Bayce — J. Ellwood Paige was appointed Secretary pro. tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following report was read from [illegible] in the Quarterly Meeting

Report from Lynn.

"To the Quarterly Meeting Conference
about to be held at Salem.

Our School opened after an intermission
of one month, on the 4th of Ninth
month last. Since that time there has
been an average attendance of 21 teachers
and about 100 scholars.

There are 25 classes, two of which are
Bible classes, pursuing their studies
independently of the rest of the school.
For the other 23 classes we have
adopted the "National Series of
Sunday School Lessons", as published
in the National Sunday School
Teacher Chicago. These lessons for
1870 were upon the "Life of Jesus the
[illegible] in 1871 [illegible] the
"Words of Jesus the Christ."

Notes and explanations are given in
the Teacher, adapted to scholars of all
ages, and we think they give as general
[illegible]
lessons are introduced into the school.

Our school is [illegible]
a short portion of
which there is a pause for silent
[illegible]
into consideration and recitation of
[illegible]
after which there is generally some
service conducted by the Superintendent
[illegible]
[illegible]

sometimes the blackboard and maps are brot into requisition.

After the hymn is generally read in concert, & then prayer ensues and the School is dismissed.

Teachers meetings are held every Sixth day evening, when the lesson for the succeeding First day is considered by the teachers and Superintendent as a class. In this exercise we are frequently joined (to our satisfaction) by Friends not members of the School.

All business matters pertaining to the School are then considered and decided upon. These meetings are not as well attended as they should be, for if teachers are not interested in the lessons, and prepared to meet their classes, the whole School suffers in consequence.

Our Library is an important auxiliary, [illegible] a Librarian and two assistants, during the whole time the School is in session. It contains 900 volumes, [illegible] is limited to the scholars in the intermediate classes monthly, and smaller ones weekly to the infant class. The general Expenses of the School are defrayed by the Preparative Meeting, but collections have been taken up at each session of the School, and the proceeds [illegible]

[illegible] on last Fourth[illegible] members, they being [illegible] Mission School where we believe they are in the performance of their duty.

Lynn First Mo. 18th 1871.

James D. Bayce
Anna W. Paige
for the Ex. Com.

To Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference of First day Schools.

The school at Lynn, held in Mechanic Hall, Market Square, has been held each Sabbath since the last meeting of the Conference, with the exception of [illegible] on which occasion the time usually devoted to it, was otherwise profitably occupied. The average attendance during the [illegible] has been as before, about the same as before; and a lively interest in the exercises, and a general desire to profit by them, have been manifest. No change has been made in classes [illegible] general course of exercises.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sarah D. Nichols
Ex. Com.

Lynn 1 Mo. 16th 1871

Pleasant Ridge Monthly Mtg. 1 Mo. 17 1881

To Friends Quarterly First day School Conference.

There has been no material change in our School since our last report.

Chas. E. Hoag
Caroline E. Paige.

To the Quarterly Conference to be held at Salem the 19th inst.

Herewith First day School has been continued with one exception since the last Conference; the whole Class averaging about the same as during the last Quarter.

The small class is somewhat smaller on account of cold weather and bad travelling - some of them being small & having a long distance to go; We have encouragement that they will [illegible] on the return of warm weather, & we trust they will if there can be some inducement to keep up an interest with them. While the Conference are contributing for the benefit of some of the schools, we would say that a small [illegible] would be gratefully received and we have found it a means of doing good to the children

Micajah Pinkley
Seba C. Pasley } Committee

Report of East Saginaw Mission School.

To the Conference:

In consideration of the [illegible] enjoined by you in the Tenth No. last, we submit the following report.

We feel grateful to you for the sympathy and kind [illegible] offered and the confidence reposed in us, and that by a humble dependence upon our Divine Teacher we may be able to show a few grains of good seed, in the hearts of those under our care, which under the reviving influence of the Spirit shall [illegible]

We feel encouraged by the evidences in [illegible] Heavenly Father's approbation in the weeks just past, as shown in the increase in numbers of our school, and in the interest manifested, our numbers being more than double what they were at this time [illegible]

last quarter on school was	84.
Smallest No.	43.
[illegible]	[illegible]
Average one year ago	80.

[illegible] received from its Treasury $ 15.00

Which has been expended as follows

[illegible] $ 2.50

S. S. Papers 6.50

Pictures, Cards &c 2,00
Total $12,50
Bal. on hand $1,50

Mary A Chase
Superintendent

East Deering June 10. 1871.

The Free Will Bap. School at West Lubec has 22 Scholars, average attendance 17.
On behalf of the Committee
Sarah D. Lincoln.

The ... School at ... reported
visited by Thomas Balcom
No increase in numbers - average
attendance a little over 30,
Increased interest, and feelings of
Encouragment. Conducted as heretofore.

Mount Vernon Mission School Lynn,
was reported visited by Javez Hood
Interrupted in the summer, by the
breaking out of a contagious disease
Numbers on the book 123. Reported
with 80, & has increased to over 90
In a prosperous condition and doing
good as evidenced by the change in
behavior of its pupils. Faithful
labor with devotion & sacrifice

[illegible] then called to an Essay by Samuel [illegible] a proposition that the conference adopt and place upon record the following minute — which was subsequently agreed to — viz. "It is the sense of this meeting, that in the future, its sessions shall commence promptly at the hour to which they are called." He urged the necessity of punctuality, not only to give time for the various services upon the programme, but for the examples sake. Not only [illegible] upon the importance of training students to habits of punctuality, and of its value to them in after life.

[illegible] Bible Class from Lynn gave an Exercise, consisting of brief biographical Sketches of the lives of each of the twelve Apostles — also consisting a portion of the Sixth Chapter of Matthew.

Following a short intermission a Poem entitled The Christian's Hope was repeated by Mary Anna Chapman from Lynn School — the echoes [illegible] with pleasing effect.

Next followed an Essay by [illegible]
Read by Mrs. [illegible] — Subject
The World's Ungodliness
What is the remedy?

In contemplating the spotless life of Christ, we feel an ardent admiration for it, and desire to make our own approach more nearly to it. But unlike Him, when temptation comes we too often yield and in carefully looking over our own hearts, find ungodliness dwelling there; and all about us are those who are apparently leading ungodly lives. What is the remedy for this present Evil? Most to an earnest appeal to God for help. But what the prevention for the future? Here the Sabbath School teacher comes to the front. He [illegible] help of God to point out the little sins to which the child is prone and to direct his feet in the right paths. This great & effective means of an increase of godliness among the people, was not apparent to the quick eye of Martin Luther, neither did [illegible] Reformation recognize it, and even George Fox failed to see this great power in the training of Christian Character. It was reserved for the thoughtful Robert Raikes, to see & appreciate in the Sunday School, the great

[illegible] Journal.

The Sabbath School has a mission which the Church cannot fill.

[illegible] Sabbath [illegible] only [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible] Christ, [illegible] to come, and [illegible] them to [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] proper [illegible].

Beautiful & appropriate poems were [illegible] by Rev. [illegible] Mead & Mrs. by Eddie Rogers and Lonie Aldrich of Lynn.

During the recess a collection of Seventeen dollars ($17.00) was taken, for the use & benefit of such schools as should need it, having especially in [illegible] and one under the care of Samuel O. Nichols of Meare.

The above sum was ordered to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

[illegible] Lynn it was ordered that Art. Sixth of the Constitution be amended by making the following addition viz.

"The Treasurer shall be required to report to the Conference at each of its Quarterly Sessions."

Upon a proposition from Thomas Wood it was voted to annex to the Executive Committee the names of two individuals, connected with the

[illegible] Easton, Edwin Wilson and Stephen Cornell were accordingly appointed to serve till the Eighth month next.

The remaining time of the sitting was devoted to general remarks upon teaching in First day schools.

William H. Wilson of Union Springs, New York compared the present time with twenty years ago, when there were but three First day schools in New England Yearly Meeting. The fact of nearly every meeting now having its Sabbath school, he viewed as a hopeful indication.

He had travelled thro' the ten Quarterly Meetings in New York Yearly Meeting, in [illegible] which Sabbath schools were flourishing & were an evident strength to the meetings. Even in the remaining two where there were none the meetings were becoming small & weak. He bade the Sabbath School teachers God speed. To the natural understanding & comprehension of man the Bible is a sealed book. John in his remarkable vision saw "a book" but because no man was able to open the book or to loose the seven seals thereof" and he wept much. But the Lion of the tribe of Judah had prevailed to open the book & to loose the seven seals thereof.

Bro Friend Wm H. Chase also stated to the Conference that he had in his possession Seven hundred copies of "Life & Light of the World" presented to him by [illegible] to donate to the Schools in this Quarterly Meeting — also Seven copies of "A Day in Deep" a work compiled by himself, a copy of which he would furnish to any of our Sunday School Libraries upon application to the Superintendent. For which favors the Conference gratefully acknowledges its obligations.

John H. Coleman would have Brethren remember, that "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" Their sufficiency is of God. Help is laid upon one who is mighty.

Thomas Wood, would have us ask for guidance that we may be led in every thing that shall help us in bringing the children to Jesus.

Augustine Jones that the radical power was in dealing too much in generalities, [illegible] for attempting to force it as a whole, at once upon the mind of the child [illegible] it is better

which fully understood will round
themselves into the perfect whole.
Use parables, similes or anything
that shall fasten firmly upon the
mind the truth to be conveyed
[illegible] it out so fast as it can
[illegible] digested.

His remarks were brot abruptly to
a close [illegible] the Conference

The Conference then adjourned.

J. Ellwood Paige
Sec. pro. tem.

distance, where increased facilities for
this expenses will be afforded.

Some variation had been
made in the arrangements of the school,
hours, as during cold days of winter, for
the scholars to remain at home
and do work; which has proved quite a
success. (This paragraph should have been transcribed upon the page

Included in the allowance
above is the Bible study, which should
not be overlooked. The benefit derived
from the instruction of the Committee, of
great importance; every pupil as
they are, it has proved a blessing to its
members—

"Search the Scriptures"

was the injunction, as recorded and
known; and surely no one will attempt
to question the necessity, or the absolute neces-
sity of [illegible] this teaching.

[illegible]

indulging in more freedom
and interchange of thought, [illegible] mind
[illegible] the [illegible]
and [illegible]
be [illegible]

especially with such as are

Conscious there are many
things to lose the benefit—should
from attending the School, who find the
needed application at home be accomplish-
ed, uncomfortable close and stringent, the
Committee pursuant these views be the careful
consideration of the Conference.

On behalf of the Committee
James P Boyce
Chairman

Report from Virginia.

For the Virginia Baptist Conference to be
held at Newbern the 24th inst.

Our School has been continued since our last Conference, except one day, when it was omitted on account of Stormy weather. There is an average attendance of 19 Scholars.

Sarah M. Bass.
Sarah A. Bass

Ephpine School, has been continued much the same as when last reported, since during from Dec 1st 75.

[illegible] Sunday School, This school was [illegible] since the last [illegible] and that entrance; its largest number is 15, and that Entrance, Average attendance 8, Although meetings with [illegible] appointments, an increase of interest [illegible]

The ch
St. Jo
that some other members of the race
ought to be willing to take the leadership
for awhile and Ellen G. W. White
our
the ways.

We would say in closing that the
most encouraging we have had present
has been twelve and this only one!! the
largest number this time, with, we trust
an average attendance to the school of
twenty-four or five.

What we desire to accomplish
this second time, we purpose for the little
already started for we realize as well as
the younger members.

Hoping before the
years we shall be able to send to the
Conference still more favorable reports.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference
of First day Schools held at 3 p.m. 4th. mo. 1871.

The Conference was called to order by the Chairman and exercises opened by reading the 24th. Psalm.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Written reports from all the First day Schools embraced in the Conference (except three) were read and are as follows;

Salem. Peabody 8th. Mo. 16th. 1871

To the First-day School Conference to be held at 3 p.m. this evening.

The Bible Class connected with the Salem meeting has continued to meet for the last quarter with 2 or 3 exceptions. The attendance and time longer for the last 2 months than at any previous time averaging from 9 to 27. The appears to be an increasing interest among those that attend, but still the attendance is not very regular and there are some that attend our meetings that do not stop to the school.

J. L. Burton Supt.

Lynn & Salem. To Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference of First day Schools.

The average attendance of the School held at Friends Meeting House in Lynn has continued about the same during the last quarter as previously. Our former Superintendent John Paige who has served very acceptably in that capacity for many years, visiting to be relieved by Jeremiah Breed was a few weeks since appointed in his stead. We have lately commenced the use of

the regular series of Sabbath-School lessons, published at Chicago, think that among the benefits that [illegible] the Sabbath School for the consideration of the above special subject will be highly profitable.

The privilege of singing in the school has lately been granted to those who desire to exercise it; but to be generally [illegible] to enable us to report results.

Premiums have been offered and other measures taken to induce a more regular Attendance of the School.

Respectfully submitted

John P. Osborne
Sarah P. Nichols
} Executive Committee

Weare 8th Mo. 14th — 1871

Weare
So. Meeting

To Friends First-day School Conference.

Our school is slowly but steadily increasing both in numbers and interest.

The money received from the last Conference we are very grateful as it helped enlarge our Library [illegible] is our greatest need.

Abby D. Hoag
Caroline E. Perige
} Committee.

Contoocook. To the Quarterly Conference to be held at Upton the 2nd. of 4th. Mo. 1871

Our present School has Numbers 90 which is divided into 6 classes with 6 Teachers Average during the past Quarter including Officers 70 Exclusive of the Cradle 65. Average for the year 68. The standing of the School compares favorably with last year. The money received from Conference has been expended for papers, Cards, Books &c. as circumstances seemed to require.

Mary A. Chase Supt. of Ea. Deering U. S. School

Mt. Pleasant. Our school continues its sessions through the warm weather and is at interesting as formerly.

A change in the exercises is made once a Month by select reading and recitations which we find to be a improvement. The average Number of scholars is fifteen

Leah M. Hall
Sarah D. Brown

Salem. To Salem Monthly Meeting Conference of First Day Schools. To be held at Lynn 11th mo. 1874

Dear Friends.

Since our last report the members of our School generally have manifested an unabated interest upon the Subject of First-Day Schools, and we are encouraged to persevere in the good work through the help afforded. Such interest is manifested not only on the part of those more advanced in life but particularly with many in the younger walks for which we desire to be thankful. Our school has been about the same in number as when we last reported—

Amesbury 11th mo. 1874
For the Committee Stephen Swett.

Verbal reports were made of

Lynn. School by Augustine Jones. This school is not now in session, a good degree of interest was manifested at the time of its adjournment, with its usual number of members.

The speaker informed that the Bible Class is mixed in and he thought the interest was increasing. He strongly disapproved of the use of Commentaries in the class but acknowledged them as helps in preparing the lesson

Effing Ch. School by Abigail Hanson. This School is of a Mission character and labors under some discouragements. The condition continues about the same as in times past with a very interesting Bible Class.

W. Farms Mission School by Thomas Read. The average attendance 36. which is less than formerly on account of the colored people having established a Meeting and School of their own. Some of the colored members of this school have become very efficient workers in their own Meeting and School. The number of White children in the W. Farms school has increased.

Not report was received from Hemmiker or Boston.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer made the following Report

Amenia Feb. 7th. 1871

To the Salem Quarterly Conference of West 1st School

Treasurers Report.

Amount of money in the Treasurers hands at the date of last Conference $ 9.99

The following sums have been raised for the benefit of Scott Grove School $ 15.00 Cut Spring $10.00 leaving a balance of $ 4.99

S. H. Osborn - Treasurer -

which was accepted.

The time having arrived for which Officers. the Officers are appointed on motion of James H. Hyde Jabez Wood was appointed to serve as Chairman for the ensuing year.

On motion of H. Read a Committee of Five were appointed by the Chair to bring forward a list of names for Officers. While this Committee were in consultation the Conference

Essay. was favored with a very interesting Essay by O. E. Platt on the subject of First day Schools.

A vote of thanks was tendered the essayist on motion of Ly Bailey

Recess At this point the Conference took a Recess of 10 minutes, during which time a contribution was
Contribution taken for such schools as might need assistance, which resulted in obtaining $15.33.

The Committee to nominate Officers for the year ensuing, made the following report, to

(Executive Committee)

For Dym P. Elwood Paige
Deborah W. Osborne

Salem Joshua Boyton Jr.
Huldah G. Boyton

So. Hamp Josiah Kendrick
Hannah B. Sawyer

Amesbury. M. Allen Bailey
Loverta B. Bailey

So. Hamp Abigail Johnson
Mary A. Johnson

West Newbury Daniel N. Swinton
Susan G. Swan jr.

Epping Thomas Folsom.
Mary Ann Folsom

East Deering Hervel Chase
Hannah E. Chase

Hennicker — Franklin A. Hardington
Lavina B. Huntington

Boston — Charles E. Pratt
Ellen E. W. Wilson

Secretary — John F. Chase —

Treasurer — Owen Dame —

The were severally elected for the ensuing year.

[illegible] Edward Page was invited to be present during the session of the Executive Committee to whom the Reports were entrusted & the Executive Com. were instructed to fill the vacancies.

A written [illegible] was read & accepted.

"The Bible as the Judgment Seat."

was recited in a very pleasing & satisfactory manner

George W. Rogers gave an interesting account of the rise and progress of a Union School in Augusta, Georgia — It was commenced with 15 [illegible] and [illegible] numbers now, all colored except one. The advocates giving cards as an inducement to increase the attendance.

The Committee laid before the Conference the following question

"What is the principal object in establishing Sunday Schools and how can that object be attained"

Several friends were called for an answer but had none to give.

Eli Jones said he believed the object is [illegible] & Jones. Love to Christ, and can be attained by giving to him ourselves, setting as his feet being taught of him & then doing our work faithfully.

Phebe Ann Sands

Phebe Ann Sands said we must do our own share of the work, being employed in the Sabbath School and go in for its improvement. He thought the inspection of the Sabbath School was

J. E. Jones.

Joseph E. Jones advised us to be very careful that we as individuals should not stand in the Conference with known sin.

C. Coffin

Comfort [illegible] Coffin said he had to the Bible for what he thought he had much to learn; that [illegible] in the end they [illegible] with them. He knew [illegible] should [illegible] he thought [illegible] had laid the foundation for [illegible].

Eli Jones.

Sent a few well aimed shots at the essay which was just read and, while there were many beautiful ideas advanced in that paper there were a few he could not fully endorse. In the way of Commandments, as what we [illegible] the Bible does tell what we are and not what Seventh-Day was. And tho' not here many beautiful things advanced during the morning, the finest thing of all is work. He [illegible] advocated the [illegible] of the Bible to attend to by the ministry and hoped for the time [illegible] when the work [illegible] and in other places than ours.

Conference Adjourned

John [illegible] Secretary.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference
of First day Schools, held at Weare
10th. Month 18th. 1871—

The Conference was called to order by the
Chairman and exercises opened by reading a
part of the 4th. Chapter of 2nd. Timothy.
Records of last Conference read and accepted.
Written Reports were received from Lynn,
E. Town, So. Weare, Amesbury, East Kingston, Co. Corner
and Salem. Verbal Reports from Salem and Epping.
No Report from Hamilton.
The Reports were as follows.

Lynn. The "First-day School" at Lynn although not
quite as large as it was before the Summer
Vacation, is in a prosperous condition averaging
100 Scholars and 24 Teachers.
The Bible Class has increased some of late, a
very encouraging feature in the School; and
we trust that the interest manifested by many
of our Members will aid in increasing the
School and its usefulness generally.
On behalf of the School
Owen Lamb Superintendant
Lynn 10th. mo. 7th. 1871

E. Town. Our School is still conducted on a similar
plan to that last reported and with
tolerable success.
We have adopted the "One Session System" which
seems to give general satisfaction, and is, we think
on some accounts an improvement. The total No. of
Scholars is 48 Average attendance 30.
John Thurlow } Com.
Hannah B. Sawyer }

Cowsburg. Fr. Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference for First day Schools to be held at Weare 10th. Mo. 18th. 1874.

The State of our School at Cowsburg remains much the same as when last reported.

We feel that there is not among us that degree of life and interest which should animate us in a work of so great importance; that we do not labor so earnestly and prayerfully as we ought and as it seems we should and must if we realize that though this instrumentality precious souls might be gathered from the broad way of sin and death into the narrow way which leads unto life.

Although we cannot report ourselves as favorably as we could desire — no increase of numbers and no apparent increase of interest, — still we humbly trust that the Lord is not far from us, and that He will so fill our hearts with love to him and love for souls that we may be incited to a doubling of our diligence in this field of labor.

M. Alton Sibley } Ex. Committee.
Loretta Sibley }

So. Weare. Weare So. Meeting 10th. Mo. 18th. 1874

Our School averages about 60 Scholars. There is evidently a greater interest manifested.

The Lesson card recently introduced into our School seems to interest all and we hope to profit by its instructions.

Abijah Johnson
Mary A. Johnson
Executive Committee

Whitby

To the Quarterly Conference.

Our School has been continued since last Conference with about the same number of scholars, and with as good a degree of interest as has ever been manifested

D. Pennington

Cain Corner.

The East Dover Union Sabbath School has held a Session every week since the last report including an Concert.

The Average Attendance has been 74 including the Concert and 64 not including it.

The Teachers are very regular in their attendance and manifest much interest in their respective classes.

Many of the Pupils are seldom absent and they look forward to the Sabbath School with pleasure, while a few are more indifferent.

Mary A. Chase Superintendant.

Boston.

Boston 10/ 16th. 1871

To the Friends First day School Conference to be held at Weare.

Dear Friends

On account of many being absent from our school at the time the last Conference was held no report whatever was forwarded.

Our friends will we trust understand this as it was during a season when many of our city friends are absent in the country and many of the schools of other denominations close entirely for a vacation of months on this account.

It is with pleasure that we state that the School seems to be in quite as prosperous condition existing now as it does at Bible Class with an average attendance of from 21 to 22 members, is very satisfactory conducted by Edwards & Hall. We think that never since the Commencement of the School has there been the interest manifest that there is at the present time. As there are no small children connected with the school the Bible Class is the only class we have.

Our friends from all parts of the country have very generously contributed towards our Sabbath-day School Library which was started some time ago. We feel very grateful to all the kind friends who have in any way aided us in our present situation.

Hoping that it may be our privilege to forward more favorable reports as to members and classes, we remain Very Truly Your Friends

Stephen L. Jones
Ellen C. H. Wilson
Executive Committee.

Salem — Verbal reports from Salem by Sister Daniel Paige and Sister Simpson. to the effect that the school remains about the same as at last Conference. The School has only a Bible Class numbering 15 or 16. They report the class as interesting and believe the time to be profitably spent.

Epping — Thomas Tibbs reports an increased interest and some good results. Average attendance about the same as formerly. Do.

I was Samuel Joyce desired to express thankfulness for the care of our Heavenly Father over us during another year. While many have suffered great Calamities & Woes, Sickness and Sin we have been spared, and may we be more earnest in this Sacred cause.

Bro. Bell. Bro. Bell was pleased the present reports with with those formerly and thinks the State of our Schools are encouraging and that the number of pupils are increasing.

Bro. Sutcliffe. Bro. Sutcliffe and in our Schools pair Words S. Sutcliffe of New Bedford is teachers - Sorry ful that they are not qualified for the position but they should not shrink from it. There is something for all to do, and if we enlist in the cause and ask humbly for assistance it will be given.

J. Hunt. J. Hunt of Hope gave a very interesting account of one individual in out in Chicago who could not read or write when his children were old enough to attend Sunday schools. They brought their father to the School, he was asked to take a class, he did so by having one of the scholars read for him, thought in all [illegible] he learned to read and is now a very able and effectual worker and Speaker.

J. F. Joyce J. F. Joyce said the primary object of Sunday Schools is to become acquainted with the Bible. The ultimate object, bring souls to Christ. He explained several passages in the Bible by giving historical information of the Customs and manners of people who lived in old times, thereby showing how easily some obscure passages of the Bible

may be made plain, and at the same time interesting to a class or School.

Treasurer. The Treasurer's report was given verbally by Wm. C. Newball as he received it from the Treasurer to the effect that he had received from the former Treasurer $.1.22 from the last Conference $.15.35 Total $.19.57 and that none of it had been expended.

Recitation. A beautiful and appropriate poem, "Faith, Hope and Charity" was recited by Alice, Addie and Lillie Sawyer of No. Keene, "well done" was the sentiment of the Conference as expressed.

Recess. A recess of 5 minutes during which time Contributed contribution was taken which resulted in collection $.11.17

Recitation. After recess 10 small boys from the East Deering Mission School, recited a Temperance piece entitled "Corn Doper" "The children made the best speaches" said one and others applauded their Assent.

Essay. John Osborn of Keene read an Essay on Sabbath School Libraries. "Works of fiction are the principal Books found in our Libraries, and they seem to accomplish their end which is Amusement. One Author says a book composed of 5 parts of piety and 95 Story is considered a very useful book. Fiction reading is a Mental dissipation and like other dissipations tends to prevent the main object of life. He thought advocated a reform in our Literature, something in which we could have the real substance instead of the shadow.

The Essay was very highly commended.

S. Joyce - Samuel Joyce pens - The essay meets the most cordial and hearty response in my mind.

We acknowledged the thankfulness of the essay in regard to their own school, that we object to bound works of fiction, & are careful to select those of pious persons.

S. Sawyer. Sister Sawyer spoke that the literature of our Sabbath schools must be inviting to young children. He hoped Sabbath would be careful in their selection.

Recitation. At this point the Conference were entertained by a recitation of a class of Girls from Ca. Spring Union School — subject "the price" by Sawyer.

Resolutions. Under the head of Colored Ministers Bro. T. Hodgdon, Wesco, Asked if the essays read at the Conference had ever been published? and suggested the propriety of having it printed in some form. Several fully endorsed its publication either in some Periodical or in pamphlet form — The Essayist having given his consent if he could put the privilege of correcting it, it was finally decided to leave the subject with the Executive Committee for their disposal.

S. Sermon. An interesting Black Board Exercise of the Good Samaritan and of Christ at the Well was given by Misses S. Boyce.

J. Reed. J. Reed most gratefully impressed the Conference with the importance of duty doing our duty and doing it at the time.

At 8 o'clock P. M.

Conference Adjourned

John W. Chase Clerk.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference of First Day Schools held in Salem 6th. Mo. 18th., 1872.

The Conference was promptly called to order by the Chairman at 3 o'clock, and exercises commenced by reading a part of the 6th Chapter of Matthew which was followed by a Devotional Exercise.

Opening

Records— The Records of the last meeting was read and approved.

J. H. Comm. John Henry Cowman of Lynn, felt under obligations to the Clerk for his detailed report of the last meeting, it not being his privilege to attend that meeting.

Written reports were received from Lynn Salem, Amesbury, So. Weare and Boston and are as follows.

Lynn— Friends First-Day School Association of Lynn—

The School opened 9th. Mo. 3. 1871 after a vacation of nine weeks, with 99 scholars.

Eighteen weeks reported, show an average attendance of 76, including the Bible class which numbers 14.

Our School is somewhat smaller than usual from a variety of causes, some of which are apparent. One of our best classes is obliged to hold its sessions at a different time of the day in consequence of its being impracticable for the Teacher of the class to meet with them at the hour regularly appointed for the school and these are not included in the Registrar's report. The time of our holding our School, immediately preceding our afternoon meeting, is also unfavorable for many others, who would under other circumstances and at some other hour

engage with us in our exercises —

Thus it will be seen that our School and afternoon meeting are sometimes conflicting with each other and until our School becomes of sufficient importance to take the place of our afternoon meeting we cannot expect to see it flourish to the fullest extent, or to receive that attention and support that it is desirable that it should claim.

Our Superintendent labors under some disadvantages, which if it were practicable to remove would greatly facilitate his efforts to make the School interesting and attractive.

We do not have the counsel and advice of many of our elder Friends, on account of the fact of holding our School being inconvenient for many of them to attend, and our public Friends from abroad are often prevented from being with us in our School for this same reason; neither can Blackboards and Maps be used to the extent that we think might be profitable, for the reason that there is not sufficient time to arrange them before the meeting from Friends.

We briefly allude to these facts, not in a complaining spirit, but simply to show some of the causes for our apparent lack of interest and numbers in our School, notwithstanding the earnest endeavors and untiring efforts of our Superintendent & Teachers to make it both interesting and instructive.

We have adopted for the year 1872, the International Series of Lessons, which is in very general use throughout the country, although our Adult and Grand Classes do not come into the Arrangement.

Teachers meetings are held weekly and although sometimes small, yet a good degree of interest is manifest. We are disposed to regard these meetings as of great practical importance and calculated to do very much for the interest and welfare, not only of our School but of any other. The importance of Teachers meeting together of carefully examining the lesson, in a serious and weighty manner, cannot be too highly valued: during these seasons of searching the Scriptures the truly earnest and inquiring Teacher is often made to feel as he never felt before, and often to see as he never saw before & to understand, as he never understood before thereby turning the mind more and more to the true Source of Knowledge from whence all true instruction emanates; for he would teach successfully must first himself be taught.

But notwithstanding the attendance of our School is smaller, and the interest less than it ought to be, yet there is abundant reason for hope, & much to encourage us to persevere & increase our efforts for the good cause, for it is truly a noble work, and one of which no one need to be ashamed, but rather to be stimulated by the noble example of many earnest Christian laborers in this cause, to emulate their good works. Much has been said and much has been written about the proper training of the youthful mind, of making correct and lasting but impressions while the mind is impressible and tender, and when we remember that each tender mind is a germ of Immortality and that this period is but the vestibule to an Immortal life and that our influence upon the delicate threads of the Embodied is as touch upon a chord

that will vibrate in eternity – how are we made to feel the importance and weight of that sacred trust: Therefore Friends let us one and all be more lively, more earnest and more faithful in this great and glorious work – It is a work worthy of Angels and should engage the noblest efforts of men.

Sebene Hill
Deborah H. Cammack } Committee

Salem The Conference to be held at Salem the 18th of the 1st. Mo. 1872.

The Class connected with the meeting in Salem has met weekly with 2 or 3 exceptions, and although our numbers have not increased much, yet we think there has been a greater interest taken in the exercises especially by our younger members. The number attending has been from 9 to 24 averaging about 15

The attendance is not as regular as could be desirable but perhaps as good as we could expect.

On behalf of the Ex. Com
J. Burton Jr.

Salem There is evidently an increasing interest in our School. It averages 50 scholars. A larger number than at any time previous through the winter season.

Abijah Johnson
Mary A. Johnson } Ex. Com.

Amesbury.

To Salem Quarterly Conference of First-day Schools to be held at Salem 1st. mo. 1872.

Our School at Amesbury has been continued much the same as when last reported

M. Alvin Bailey } Com. Committee
Loretta Bailey }

Boston.

To the Salem Q.M. First Day School Conference to be held at Salem 1mo. 18. 1872.

Your Committee on behalf of Friends in Boston & Vicinity are able to report that the Sabbath School here has continued to be held in the form of a general Bible class, in which most members of the meeting & some others have taken an interested & interesting part. The attendance has not been increased since the last report, the average number being about 25.

A change was made in the hour of holding to the afternoon; but on account of the distance & difficulty some members from the place of meeting this arrangement was found inexpedient & a return was made to the old time immediately after the morning meeting.

The manner of instruction is mutual and informal, the Bible being the only book used & few exercises being introduced besides the consideration of the chapter appointed for the lesson. Set questions & those which may be answered by simply repeating text of a verse are avoided, as much as may be, & subjects, characters, parables, customs or incidents are questioned and commented upon; & as such most thoroughly & experiences have provided his readiest com-mentary the greatest instruction is sometimes reached

when the exercises take the form of conversation.

Those engaged in this school feel the discouragements of small numbers, almost entire absence of the brave young persons, hesitation on the part of many to enter into the exercises, neglect of any thought or study beforehand and the difficulty of bringing into harmonious working and inducing the variety of finely formed opinions and different experiences

The feeling of interest and earnestness is not what it ought to be, but is not we think diminishing was very small.

We are Respectfully
Your Friends
C. E. Pratt — Of the Committee

Boston 1st Mo. 17th 1872

Verbal Reports.

No. Weare. School was reported by Hannah B. Sawyer.

About the same interest is now manifested as was reported at the last Conference. As a whole the School was very interesting. They had adopted the use of the Lesson Papers and were well satisfied with them. Seances meetings had been held and given up. Although satisfied that good results arise from such meetings they seem to be impracticable in a sparsely settled place.

Epping Abigail M. Hanson reports that there seems to be no lack of interest. Since the cold weather, some of the children, who live quite a distance from the School are not able to attend.

The interest in the Bible class increases and now numbers from 15 to 30.

Ed. Deming — Neither of the Ex. Committe being present the Secretary gave the Average for the last quarter 46. and for farther information refered the Conference to James P. Boyce who had visited the school since the last Conference. James P. Boyce being called upon stated that he found a very interesting school of 50 or 60 children who appeared very much interested in their exercises.
Notwithstanding it was a cold, windy day, there were some present who had come 3 miles to the school, which is held in a Meeting House, that has been abandoned and is now in a bad condition and has many broken windows. It was impossible to keep warm with two good fires. He could but contrast the self denial and perseverence of these scholars with those who meet under more favorable circumstances.

Winsher — As no member of that school was present no report was given.

J. Wood — The Chairman expressed his regrets at receiving so few written Reports, when it had been earnestly enjoined upon the Ex. Committee to make a brief Statement of the school under their supervision at each meeting of the Conference —

The following half hour was given to the consideration of the reports.

J. P. Boyce — James P. Boyce stated that the school reported by him was not held in a Friends' Meeting House — and he thought that Salem and Dyon people know but little of the sacrifices that are made in the Country by parents and children to Attend First Day Schools.

Hannah J. Sawyer of Ia. Iowa expressed

H. J. Sawyer — the wish that Conference bear in mind that Country schools can not be as prosperous in winter as Summer

W. A. Brown of Lynn, said he knew of the discouraging circumstances attending a winter school in the County. And "Teachers if you have the sympathy of Conference, you are to be commended W. A. Brown when you keep up the interest, so that children come 3 miles to attend school. Books & Libraries are great incentives in keeping up an interest.

Parents should do all they can to furnish their schools with proper books. An appeal was made to those who have books which they have read and can spare, to send them to those schools which are not able to furnish new Books.

Samuel Boyce of Lynn, thought the reports were encouraging & he desired to speak a word of encouragement to those Parents who get their S. Boyce children out to First Day schools and also to encourage the children in their noble work. If we compare the manner in which children now spend their time with forty, fifty or sixty years ago, we must feel encouraged, we must see there is an improvement.

He remembers that some 50 years ago a young man 22 years of age was asked what was meant by the Divinity of our Savior and could not tell. Now there is a wonderful difference and a marked improvement. We seem to have every thing to encourage us. He had visited the Boston School a number of times and was much interested in the interest taken - though there were but 25 or 30 in the school. He appealed to Friends and others who might be in Boston on First-Day to attend that School and Meeting.

Peter Neal of Lynn thought the reports were encouraging but there was one that cast the Peter Neal cold chills over him although he was near the close.

He refered to the Report of that school held in our Abandoned Meeting House and proposed that a Contribution be taken to repair the windows in said House, information was given that the windows admitted but a small part of the cold, and as the school could be comfortably provided for at a private House the Contribution was postponed.

J. H. Cressman of Lynn had met with the
J. H. Cressman Boston School and thought they as well as others suffered a great loss by not studying their lessons; they fail of being interested themselves or of interesting others as much as they might

Moses Sawyer of So. Ware spoke in favor of the
M. Sawyer. Lesson Papers and reports that they held in their Conferences at which time the children speak pieces, they are interesting, The School at So. Ware is now reported in a very flourishing condition

Dialogue. At this time the Conference was entertained by a dialogue between Henry Rogers and Henry Hall—and dem.

The Treasurer reports as follows

"Salem, 17th 1871 Receipts of the Treasurer

J. H. Osborne	$ 8.22
Collection at Lynn	" 15.90
" " Ware	" 11.17
Amount on Hand	$ 31.29

Salem 1st M, 18th 1872

Owen Dame Treasurer"

which was accepted.

Exhortation A very appropriate exhortation was next listened to by Henry Rogers.

James P. Boyce informed the Conference that one
J. M. Boyce. of the principal workers in the East Lynn School informed him that one of the principal wants in that school was books. Also M. that Lynn Conference could
P. M. Kaler. not meet the demands of Conference the present year, in the

way of money, and suggested that a Contribution be taken at this time for the use of that School.

This question was discussed by J. H. Coleman Sr., Wm. Dame, J. T. Joyce and Wm. A. Dame after which it was decided that a Collection be taken at Recess and that the sum of $8.18.00 be given to that School to be used at their discretion.

Recess of 5 Minutes during which the Choir (appointed Saturday) rendered the selection which Consecrated to $8.18.00

After Recess the Conference was favored by recitations from Lyra Jenkins, Edna Frank, Fred Walton and Mabel Coleman all of which Rabun elicited great credit on the children as well as on those who had selected the pieces, and had the training in charge.

Wm. A. Joyce, a delegate from Lyons to the Sunday School Convention held in Wilmington this last month was called upon to give an Account of the Conference which he did. The following remarks of Samuel Bruce must have been the Joyce sentiments of the whole Conference "It fell to our lot to attend the Convention, for the instructive and interesting Report.

A Banquet (Supper) of Strawberry Short which consisted of 3 Quarts was served on the tables and plates of Sufficient size. The larger ones may represent the Sunday Schools of Lyons, the Smaller Pleasant Grove of the east one. While the Smaller Pleasant Grove of the South (Lyons) would attract numerous pieces of Steel (representing scholars) the Lyons Sch. had the power to draw them away from Grove. The Grove had the Berry (as illustrated) to impart his attention (Love) to other Schools and they, being

filled with this love, how able I am to draw from the influences of the Evil One. We have to report a large yearly meeting (responding to three old Sisters) were brought in contact and the illustration I used that we cannot come to the Father by any devised plan of our own, or by our own works but that the heart must be given to Him. The confession related in this illustration that the old Sinner did not adhere to the Father with so much tenacity as the young; teaching us that

"Youth is the time to serve the Lord"

Time was now given to our friends from abroad when Chandy Dillingham of West Falmouth said "It was done my heart good to be here. and I wish to add a word of encouragement to all, continue earnest in prayer and you will reap the reward, Teachers struggle on, Pray on and though you may not see the fruit— you will be blessed. I rejoice that there are faithful Shepards and Shepardesses who watch the flock.

C. Dillingham

May it be your privilege as one by one are gathered home, to hear from the Great Shepard - Here are the Lambs committed to thy charge

The words have come - "I have blessed and I will bless." Be faithful to your trust and God will bless you.

It is a comfort said Silas Goddard of Maine to witness the earnest zeal manifested in this great and good work.

S. Goddard.

Susan Ann Gifford of Fall River rejoiced that she had been present to hear the reports of the several school She says I thank the Lord that the door is open where our young people can work in the fear of God; it opens a love for the young - then take fresh courage and work.

S. A. Gifford

W.H. Crane. William Henry Crane of N.Y. Spoke favorably of the Sermon word which is used in their schools.

By this method all scholars & teachers are engaged at the same time on the same subject. Their Monthly Concerts & Teachers Meetings are seasons of instruction.

Their schools are opened in silence. do not call on any one to pray but wait for the guidance of the Spirit.

"Continue to work & the Lord will bless."

"I am glad to see such interest & harmony" said John Cartland of Maine & my desire J. Cartland. is it may ever continue so. It is one of those means provided for us, & I hope you will continue

"In our school it is hard to get parents interested."

Wm C. Kimball of Lynn thought the element of success in the Wilmington Conference was this —

When sent, believing the Lord sent them, they let the witness in themselves, & many it is in our schools. He related an instance where 251 persons, in the space of 30 Minutes repeated a text of scripture and only two were repetitions.

W.A. Brown Wm A. Brown felt ashamed of N. England with her 250 yrs. of experience. See how little we are doing compared with the West, there they have taken 183 into the Church in one day.

There whole Churches are being converted to our Principles — In some sections it is the prevailing religion.

S. Elwood Paige of Lynn read a poem Elwood Paige entitled "Jesus is Victory" for which the Conference gave a vote of Thanks, & desired the Executive Committee cause the same to be published

The concluding remarks were made by Freeman Andrews of Maine. He said:

F. Andrews.

"I have attended many meetings for Christ Day Schools, but never have I attended one that was so highly favored with Divine Evidence as this has been.

I have been encouraged to see so many young men coming up & believing that God is able & willing to save. We can all come to God and he will help us".

At quarter past 10.

Conference Adjourned.

John H. Hanes Secretary.

First Day Schools held at Amesbury 9th mo. 23rd. 1852.

At the appointed hour the Conference was called to order by the Chairman and Meeting opened by reading the first Psalm which was followed by a devotional sense.

The records of the last Conference were read and approved, after which the reports of our several Schools claimed our attention.

Written reports were received from Lynn, [illegible] Salem, Salisbury, Pelham & Coat Street and Boston 2d are as follows:

Lynn

To the First Day School Conference to be held at Amesbury the 22d. inst.

[illegible] to be same as reported in the 1st. Mo. with a slight increase in [illegible] and that the P.M. meeting has been changed to the evening giving more time for the School.

The Teachers Meetings have been kept up, but not with that interest of late that we could desire. It is hoped that this subject may receive special attention of the Conference.

The Librarian's report for the last quarter is as follows:—

Officers of the School	4
Teachers	22
No. of Scholars	130
[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible] remains on hand from previous [illegible] the last quarter [illegible] Lydia Hill & Deborah W. Newman, Committee

To the Quarterly Conference to be held at [illegible]

After a vacation of three months during the cold weather our school was reopened the 4th ult.

[illegible] the belief that there is a deeper interest on the part of some which we trust may be manifested [illegible] we may realize under the blessing of Heaven, still more favorable results. We pray the presence of the H. S. School [illegible] which was [illegible] and is now accomplished in many places through its instrumentality

[illegible] Exr. Committee

Newbury

To the Quarterly Conference.

Our School has been continued through the winter with an average attendance of 12 Scholars. Whole number 16

D. S. Pennington

Epping

To Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference to be held at Amesbury Mills next.

Our School at West Epping has been regularly kept [illegible]

The average attendance not quite as large as at former times. We have changed the hour of meeting [illegible] P.M. Since we have the School has been held after the close of our Sunday Meeting, the result [illegible] a larger attendance of [illegible] and also the Primary class. We regret that we have not been [illegible]

pledges as would be desirable – to us and we believe profitable to them.

We have a Bible Class for adults and one exists for the young under the care of [illegible] Teachers who are actively engaged in teaching and training these children to a better literal knowledge of the Holy Scriptures to lay the basis

Good evidence are also [illegible] endeavors are made to impress on their young aspiring minds the great fundamental truths contained in [illegible] the Source from whence all good comes, and is intended by the great Author as instrumental means to enlighten & incline to a better life in this world and to help the humble believer in his onward and upward course.

Thomas Lyon
Mary Ann Folsom
[illegible]

[illegible]

The Committee regret being obliged to forward to the Conference a report from this school –

This is owing we think to a measure of a combination of unfavorable circumstances over which we had no control, and not to any want of effort or interest on the part of those who have the school in charge.

Some of these circumstances being the necessary absence in many weeks of the Superintendent and some of the Teachers – the inclemency of the weather, and the [illegible] removal from our midst – by some and the illness of [illegible] Some of these causes being removed and the

season advancing we are hoping with the aid of Divine Providence for an increase of numbers and interest.

It was been thought best to expend the money so generously donated by the conference at its last session for books thus laying the foundations for a Library which is greatly needed.

The average attendance for the quarter has been 26 – No School on 4 First-Days during the quarter owing to severe snow Storms.

Respectfully Herod Chase
H. C. Chase

Salem

To the Salem Kennebec Medina First Day School Conference.

Your Branch Committee on New School in Salem have only to report at this time that the school now is well kept up, Still in the form of a general Bible Class and under the same manner of instruction.

There is or seems to be an increasing interest manifested and the number is somewhat increased – The average number of those taking part being about 26.

W. E. Pratt
On behalf of the
Committee

Verbal reports were received from Salem, Vienna and Winthrop – to Report per Committee.

Salem – Salem School was reported by Lydia Pope and indorsed by Emma Sutton & Hannah Paige. The information received was, that the school consisted of a little class – which was increasing in numbers and interest – numbering [illegible] and that the time was profitably spent.

Wm Penn – Wm Penn [illegible] about the same as heretofore with an attendance about 28 –

So. Wrenthe – So. Wrenthe School was briefly reported by Anna M. Copeland of Wrenthe – The school numbers 50 or 60 scholars and is increasing in numbers & interest;

Some time was given to the consideration [illegible]

Friends were advised and urged to make written reports of their schools at every Conference & to be particular to mention the [illegible] in Meetings; by this in Conference would be enabled to compare one quarterly report with another and it would also [illegible] to increase the individual effort of its members which would result in an increase of numbers.

Remarks on reports

It was [illegible] that there are many children within our limits that did not attend any School, & were ignorant of the [illegible] are those out side of our own Society who need Religious instruction, that we should not hesitate to invite upon the occasion when we can take them by the hand even if we could get more than

or Teachings. Let each ask his own duty - then work faithfully work earnestly, and we shall have better reports than today. The Teachers we pray and are glad not to discouraged especially in Mission School, but be encouraged, press on the work is a noble work and will bring its reward.

Treasurer's Report - The Treasurer presented the following Report which was read and accepted

"To the First-Day School Conference of Salem Quarterly Meeting.

[illegible] $ 31.34

Collection in Salem in 1st. Mo. " 10.10 $41.34

Paid John A. Chase for the Coal During Winter First day School as Appropriated by the Conference in the 12th Month - [illegible]

Leaving a Balance of cash on hand $ 26.34

Lynn 5th. Mo. 22. 1872

Owen Dowdy Treasurer"

Election - The following Friends were appointed to [illegible] Gilbert A. Hovey, [illegible] Benton, Hannah Pope, Lydia Pope, Elizabeth N. Newhall, Thomas Tolson, Peter A. Smith Jacob Gove & Harrison Gove - Recess of 10 Minutes -

The Collection Amounted to $ 10.00

Donation - The financial needs of several schools were considered and it was decided to give $5.00 to each of the following Schools, Harrison, Epping, South Weare and West Newbury. -

It was [illegible] the Conference
should appoint a Committee whose duty it would
be to call to mind Christ in the midst of the Conference,
Suggestion to organize with a view to [illegible]
give a suggestion, [illegible]
[illegible]

A few minutes were given our friends
[illegible] Rev. Chas. H. Pope & Wm. H. Reed
[illegible], after which an intimation was made by
our Secretary with which friends were at work and
Scotland, desired to encourage us to persevere.

There being no more business to come
before the Conference, James P. Boyce of Lynn was
invited to give the Conference a
Exercise, which he did by illustration
in Balaam's Life which was very interesting.

There being no business,
Conference Adjourned
John F. [illegible]

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference of First Day Schools held at Lynn 4th mo. 18th 1875.

At 8 o'clock P.M. The Conference was called to order by the Chairman and 18 Psalm read -

The Secretary being absent J. Elwood Paige was chosen Secretary Pro Tem - A Committee of 2 from each Monthly Meeting was appointed to report names for Officers for the ensuing year

The Committee from Salem were in favor of not appointing a Nominating Committee - which being Committee seconded was voted down - The Secretary having read the records of the last Conference were read and approved

The suggestion offered from last Conference to this effect "That we appoint a visiting Committee whose duty should be to visit the schools in the limits of the Conference to inquire into their management and make such suggestions as may be profitable, also to report the results of such visits from time to time as Conference may desire" claimed the attention of the meeting - when it was moved by John T. Swanton that there be a visiting Committee of five appointed at this time - and that the nominations of said Committee be referred to the nominating Committee of Officers now in session which was accepted. Owen Evans was appointed Messenger to inform said Committee of the vote of said Meeting.

Written reports were received from Lynn, Amesbury, West Newbury, Epping, No. Weare, So. Weare and East Deering which were read and are as follows:

Lynn

To Friends First-Day School Quarterly Conference, next to be held at Lynn.

Our School has been continued upon the same plan and under the same management as when reported to the last meeting of this Conference.

We have deviated from our usual custom of adjourning for a vacation and have this summer continued our School without interruption.

Our School went to Wakefield on our Annual pic-nic on the 30th. of last month. The occasion was a very pleasant one, and we think it was thoroughly enjoyed by both old & young.

We believe well ordered and well managed pic-nics for First-Day Schools are conducive of much good and have an influence to draw the individual members together in one common interest

Lebbeus Hill
Deborah W. Croxman } Committee

Lynn 8th. Mo. 4th. 1872.

Amesbury. To Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference of F. & F. S. to be held at Lynn on the 4th. inst.

Our School has been continued during the last quarter with no marked change in interest or number, 33 being our largest number and 25 the Average attendance.

M. Alton Bailey
Loveta Bailey } Ex. Committee

West Newbury Report - To the Quarterly Conference

Our School continues to be held at the close of the meeting. The whole number of scholars is twenty, average fourteen.

We hope the visiting committee spoken of at last conference may be appointed.

D. L. Purington
J. A. Brown

Epping

To Salem Quarterly Meeting A. School Conference to be held at Lynn 4th. inst.

Our school has been regularly held, with one exception since last report.

We cannot inform conference, the precise number or average attendance of our school for the reason that we have no record of the number in attendance at each meeting; the reason we offer for not having a record, our other cares and duties are sufficient to take up the time and we have not found any one willing to undertake it.

Epping meeting of Friends is composed of 36 members of all ages of which are 5 small children, too small to attend school & 6 adults who for various reasons do not attend, which leaves 15 members who generally attend and participate in the Social & Bible class - Two of whom are Teachers, having charge of classes consequently seldom participate with the Bible class.

Thirteen girls who are not members of Friends Society are connected with the school & classes and under the care of teachers; most of them generally attend and some of them regularly - They manifest a kind and grateful interest in their lessons.

We are encouraged in the belief that these children are laying up & storing their minds with Scriptural truths, which may be instrumental in days to come in forming character, in guiding &c. and bringing to a Saviour's Love -

Thomas Folsom
Mary Ann Folsom

West Epping 2d Mo. 13, 1872 -

No. Weare

To the Salem Quarterly Conference of First-Day Schools to be held at Lynn.

Our School at Weare with fluctuating is still held with an average attendance of thirty.

We feel that with all the members, there is a living interest and increasing interest—

John Thorndike
Hannah Sawyer } Committee

So. Weare

To the Salem Quarterly Conference held at Lynn—

So. Weare 8th Mo. 12th. 1872

Our School for the first quarter has sustained its former interest averaging about fifty Scholars.

Owing to the extreme hot weather it was thought best to have a few weeks vacation.

As a School we are working with patience for a harvest, hoping in the future to accomplish more than we have done—

Abijah Johnson } Executive
Mary A. Johnson } Committee.

East Deering

East Deering N.H. 8th. Mo. 13th. 1872.

To the Quarterly Conference

Our School continues in about its usual condition with an average degree of interest—

The money ($15.00) presented at the last session of the Conference, has been expended in the purchase of Library books which we think from its presence added to the interest of our School.

Our average attendance for the last Quarter has been 44

We do not expect to present at any time [illegible]

Decent No. 11—

[illegible] Sept. Our Library [illegible] School

Boston – The school at Boston was reported
verbally by Hon. Geo. The numbers are about the same
Hon. Geo. – as reported at the last Conference but the interest seems
to be increasing. The attendance about 20 Sometimes 25.
Samuel Boyce Samuel Boyce informed Conference that he
had visited the school a number of times and was very
much gratified with the attendance & interest. He thought
the number named above too small.

No reports from the Schools at Salem or Hennicker

The Committee on Nomination make
the following report for

Officers – Chairman J. Elwood Paige ———

Secretary John L. Chase ———

Treasurer Owen Name ———

Executive Committee for

Salem John L. Chase Boston for 2nd yr
Ethel M. Sanford

Dover James P. Boyce 2nd yr
Minnie M. Cook

Amesbury Jonathan C. Osborne for 1st yr
Loverta Bailey

Asst Secretary Albert D. Ordway 2nd yr
Mary Alice Dearborn

Officers

Thomas Folsom
Mary Ann Folsom

No. Weare

Ezephniah Breed
[illegible]

[illegible]

Charles H. Jones
Hannah C. Cove

Hennicker

Franklin G. Huntington
Lovinia C. Huntington.

East Deering

Dennis R. Chase
Hannah V. Chase

Committee to Visit Schools.

Visiting Committee

James P. Boyce
Mary Alice Brown
Elma B. Boyce
Hannah B. Sawyer
George C. Herbert.

Moved that the Report be accepted & adopted and that the Chairman of such Committee be empowered to fill vacancies in their respective Offices should any occur.

Report

Moved and Seconded that the report be divided considered and acted upon separately - which was accepted -

Moved that the report nominating the Chairman Secretary & Executive Committee - be accepted which was agreed to

Moved that the remaining part of the report be accepted and adopted - which was agreed to -

Samuel Boyce requested the Conference in behalf of his wife Elina B. Boyce - that she might be excused from serving on the Visiting Committee on account of numerous other duties which occupied much of her time - after a time of due consideration the Conference excused her -

Elina B. Boyce Excused

The Treasurer presented the following report

Lynn 8 Mo. 4th 1872

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand at Last Report		$ 26.39
Collection taken up at Amesbury		10.00 $36.39
Amount now in Treasurers hand		6.39

Treasurers Report.

Amos Lane Treasurer

which was accepted.

It was now proposed that we take a Recess of 15 minutes for the purpose of taking a collection which was agreed

15 minutes Recess

Voted that the Chair appoint a Committee of two to take a collection at the present time The Chair appointed Lindley M. Hoag & William C. Nichols as the Committee

Meeting on collection

They proceeded to fulfil the duties of their office & collected $ 9.84

$ 9.84

James P. Boyce gave an illustrative review, the subject of which was contained in two Chapters in the New Testament - Illustrations of some of the principal Characters which were formerly rendered by Samuel Boyce and extended by William Monroe -

Illustrative Exercise

An Account of the lateness of the hour the essay assigned by Augustus Jones was postponed.

Essay Postponed.

The following subject was proposed for discussion.
"What works of fiction are unsuitable for a healthy Christian Intellectual and Religious growth in our children and should be excluded from our First Day School Libraries."
which was discussed by Augustine Jones, Thos. Chase James Edward Oliver, John Henry Cornman, Samuel Boyce Mary Chase, Debbie Hill, J. Reed, George Cornman and an Essay on the same by Kate Lane -

Whilst a few of the speakers approved of such fictions as strengthened the love of Home, created a desire for those things which elevate and improve, and lead to the Searching of Scriptural Truths; others disapproved of all work of Fiction for fear that the evil might over balance the good - Friends were cautioned in selecting Sun books for Libraries; that no book should be introduced, the reading of which would tend to excite the mind to vain and delusive imaginations.

On motion of James P. Boyce it was voted that when we adjourn - we adjourn to meet at Friends Meeting House in Media on Fourth Day preceding the Quarterly Meeting - at 2 o'clock P. M -

At 10½ o'clock A.M. Conference Adjourned

John L. Chase Secretary

in last issue,
the usual average attendance [illegible] during the last
six months. The Committee are not [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] last
on behalf of the Committee
[illegible]

Friends Social Conference of Ohio
[illegible] to be held at [illegible]

Dear Friends,

At this time we can
[illegible] figures in regard to the attendance [illegible]
[illegible] having been kept for the
last three months. We urge [illegible]
attendance [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the months the attendance [illegible]
the [illegible]. Too large a part of our members
[illegible] attend the School at all, nor do they
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
If we recollect not, some six months since, the
[illegible] a Committee appointed to visit schools, but
we have not been favored with a call from it yet.
We begin to feel that this staying away from
the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of meeting [illegible]
its room of Meeting? Is it not essential to
the salvation of the church? That all
present this Christian society
[illegible] us? Be present at our
and I would only time for
meeting, unless some interest will time to
the support of the Church

[illegible]

on the first Sabbath, [illegible] in a manner
as it will [illegible] the members attend Sacrament.

[illegible]
[illegible] Com. [illegible])

[illegible] Church [illegible] Company of Free Cy
Meeting, [illegible] at Room [illegible] Church.

(One school [illegible] about [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] meeting at present

[illegible]
[illegible] Committee

[illegible] East Deering Mission School

[illegible] Our School has continued [illegible] with an average of [illegible] the largest number present at one time 103 [illegible] were favored with a visit from our [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] seats were blocked.

Our decrease in numbers has been occasioned by a train of unavoidable circumstances which has produced a decrease [illegible] interest. We have been obliged to abandon the Meeting House and the school is now held [illegible] week when the weather and roads permit.

Hannah C. Chase }
Lunice R. Chase } Committee.

Verbal report [illegible] Lynn, Epping, Winona and Boston. No report from Amesbury.

Lynn School continues with about its usual numbers and interest. Average [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the teacher [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] pupils in class. While the interest [illegible] with some that they could [illegible] there seemed to be [illegible] the older friends.

Epping School continues with [illegible] interest [illegible]

[illegible]

Winona [illegible] the same as [illegible]

Salem Quarterly
Conference of Friends' First-day
Schools held in ~~Salem~~ Amesbury
4th month 22d 1873.

The Conference was called to order
at 2 o'clock P.M. by the President,
J. Elwood Paige, who read selec-
tions from the 7th of Matthew as
the opening exercise.

The Secretary not being present
William O. Snead was Chosen
Secretary pro tem.

The records of the last Conference
were read and approved.

Reports. Written reports were requested and read, and
were as follows:-

Exm. To the Friends First-day School
Conference to be held at Amesbury
5th mo 21st 1873.
The whole number on the roll-call on
the Friends' First-day School at
Exeter are 81
Average Attendance since our last report 53
Number of Teachers 15
Number in Bible Class 18
Average attendance in Bible Class 13
Our School has diminished some
during the past year, but we

Lynn. age not without a hope that the time is near at hand when it will be otherwise with us, and we [illegible] witness an increased interest in this important branch of the Christian Church.

On behalf of the Committee
Lynn 1st mo. 20 1873. James P. Pierce.

Salem. To the First-day School Conference to be held at Amesbury the 27th inst.

The attendance the last quarter has been as large we think as at any previous time, usually about 15 or 20. Another Class has been formed within a few weeks and the School now consists of a Bible Class and two Classes of Children. The regularity with which the Children attend, is worthy of Commendation. The scholars much interested in the School and although their lessons have moved the last quarter somewhat irregularly we have always with care taken pleasure

Joshua Taylor Supt

N. Bedford. To Friends' Quarterly Conference of First-day Schools.

Since our last report our School has increased considerably in Numbers and interest

No. Mean. The whole number attending is 60
The average attendance is 35
The interest is manifested by scholars with those who have longest attended the School. It is more widely spread as evinced by the fact that a number of non-members have come in with their Children. Still, many members of our social have not identified themselves with us.
The increase of interest has resulted in part we think from the labors of Lord and Loving servants of the Master who were with us two months since.
Our hearts were somewhat prepared by the influences of the School in connection with other work, and when the word came there was a full response of the heart.
WE [illegible] the blessing of God upon us in those days of visitation was more cordially received on account of previous labors in the Sabbath School.
WE would ask, Have our schools sufficiently presented the practical application of Religious Truth to the affairs of every day life.

Jephaniah Freed
Lucy P. Osborne
Ex. Com.

West To the Quarterly Conference held in Chesterfield 6th mo 1st
Chesterfield would report as follows.

We have usually had two Classes one Bible Class and one Class on the Christian but on account of bad weather the Second Class was not held during the 4th quarter but we expect it will do so soon.
Our average attendance is about 15.

On behalf of the Com.
Albert E. Lindsay.

West Chesterfield 5th mo 18th 1873.

Spiritual To Friends First-day School Conference.

Our School consists of four Classes taught by four teachers.
Two of the Classes are receiving instruction from the Bible, the other two use Question books.
The average attendance is about 30.
There is considerable interest manifested but it is not so much as we desire.
We hope to derive so much benefit from the Conference as to increase the interest during the coming quarter.

Charles H. Jones } Ex
Hannah E. Gove } Com.

Amesbury. To the Salem Quarterly Meeting
Conference of Friends' First day Schools
to be held at Amesbury 4th mo 21st 1873

Dear Friends:—

We would inform you that
our First-day school still continues
with an unabated interest on the
part of many while some of those
during the first months last have
been deprived of uniting with us in
this Social capacity on account
of inclement weather. This has render-
our School quite small for a few
months past yet we believe that
those referred to are earnestly en-
gaged with us to do all and
for the best interests of the School.
Whole number attending 50.
Average attendance 26.

M. Osborn
Amesbury 4th mo 1873. Ex. Com.

Salem. To Friends' First-day School Conference,
to be held at Amesbury 4th mo 21st 1873
The average attendance during the
last quarter was 18
On account of inclement weather
& five first days we held no School.
and once when the General Meeting
was in session. A decline in in-
terest has been manifest during
the winter months but we

hope for an increase soon

Hannah E. Chase
Lewis R. Chase
Ex Com.

Epping. Thos Folsom reported that since the last Conference but few regular Quarterly Meetings have been held but the average held regularly with an attendance of about 20. A good degree of interest is manifested

Hanover Franklin F. Huntington reports the Sabbath School small; average attendance. An increase of interest is noticeable.

Upon motion the Treasurer's Report was then read and approved. It is as follows;-

Balance as per last Report	30.61
Collection at Salem 1st mo 16	7.37
Amt on hand	38.98

Wm Dame
Treasurer.

Lynn 4th mo 21st 1873.

Minutes. On motion of the Meeting adopted a Committee ~~was~~ consisting of James P. Boyce Abraham T. Huntington, Moses Sawyer Phebe H. Buxton, Lizzie Hoyt and Abigail H. Hanson was appointed to prepare a

next Meeting a list of Candidates for Officers for the ensuing year.

Recitation of Poem. We were then entertained by the recitation of a beautiful poem by two young lady Members of the Amesbury School. This was indeed a beautiful exercise. Would that we might have more.

Paper. Martha Eliza Sweet, of Amesbury then read a paper composed of original articles many of which were interesting and instructive.

Hannah W. Sawyer of Weare called the attention of the Conference to the Question propounded by the Executive Com. from Weare, but as there seemed to be no one who wished to speak directly upon the Question the remarks of the Brethren of the Conference were not confined to it but assumed a "General" form.

not Bro. James P. Boyce said that the Bible is a storehouse filled with rich food for the mind, and he was thankful that he has been and is a member of a Bible Class. In the Bible Class has he learned some of the best life-lessons.

He said that the more he studied the Bible the desire to do so increased greatly.

He cited a certain Biblical Scholar who commenced his researches by reading two Chapters a day. This was soon reduced to one Chapter, ~~and~~ again to a few verses and at last to one verse. This in many cases was all that he was able to thoroughly sift down and comprehend.

He referred to the "Sermon on the Mount" as an object for great study, and in reading which one Clergyman owned for his own.

Speaking of Sabbath Schools. Hannah B. Sawyer said Much can be recorded in regard to their influence upon the minds not only of the Children but even of the aged. By constant coming to Jesus we not only get new ideas but our erroneous ones are eradicated.

The importance of Sabbath Schools & the Children was pressed upon the attention of the Conference by remarks from Mrs Sawyer, Abigail M Hanson and others. Hannah Commons

said that a great amount of good can be accomplished by furnishing children with homes as yet attended a Sabbath School. She had known of many instances where the occasional gift of a Child's paper to some little one had been the means not only of bringing it into the Sabbath School but also the whole family.

Recess.

After recess the question "Is it expedient to discontinue the Conference" was brought up by the Executive Committee.

James F. Byers said that he was glad the question had been asked, for he was anxious to know the ruling of the members of the Conference in regard to it. As far as he was concerned he must answer most emphatically No! He would make it a subject for prayer and bring it to the Savior. He believed in instrumentalities and the Sabbath School is one by the saving of souls. If we are to have a Sabbath School to

then we must have Conferences where we can meet ~~each~~ for discussion and the interchange of ideas. If the Conferences are discontinued our Sabbath Schools must inevitably suffer.

Further Remarks were made by Hannah B. Sawyer, Abigail M. Hanson & others, and the universal idea was that the Conferences must be sustained.

Frances Perkins, of Iowa, said that she did not like the old Quaker idea that "Silence gives consent." She insisted that more members would take an active part, especially the younger ones. She then called upon the sisters present to show in what was said by rising in their seats and saying so.

She spoke of Monthly Concerts in our Sabbath Schools as being a very efficient means of keeping up the interest of young members.

In the West this was practiced to a great extent.

She said that it is very important to early commence the instruction of the child in Bible truths; it is so much easier to mould the young Childs mind than to influence older people.

In these days of Cheap literature, the childs pathway is beset with many dangers and we must be ever on our guard, and prevent as far as possible the Childs mind being ocupied in reading this Literary Chaff.

Charles Jones & Wear said We do all feel a great interest in the Sabbath School and in order to do the greatest amount of good we must first know God & ourselves. Then shall we have the truest desire to bring others to occupy the same position as ourselves and then can we work ~~to~~ to the best advantage. We encouraged all to mind our own individual Calling.

Frances Cousins said I wd of supplement to her remarks upon a larger number taking part in the Conference, that she would have the teachers give their experience in the Classes, Method & interesting Children &c.
This would bring out the teachers and there would then be a competition between them in their endeavors to interest their Classes.

The appointment of the
time for holding the
next Conference was left with
the Executive Committee.

After a session of nearly three
hours the Conference adjourned.

William C. Breed,
Secy. pro tem.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference of Friends' First Day Schools held at Lynn 1st mo. 20th 1873.

The Conference was called to order at Rocket Hall the President J. Elwood Iaiz in the Chair who [illegible] the opening exercise read a portion of the 3rd Chapter of Phillippians.

Records. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to nominate and present ~~Names~~ to this meeting Names for the officers for the ensuing Year Made the following report:—

For President,
J. Elwood Iaiz.

For Secretary,
William C. Bond.

For Executive Committee.

So. Weare.
Chas. H. Jones.
Maria E. Gove.

North Weare.
John Thorndike.
Gulielma Thorndike.

Amesbury
Franklin F. Huntington.
Sarina G. Huntington.

Epsom
Thomas Folsom
Mary Ann Folsom

West Amesbury
Albert Ordway
Sarah M. Wood.

Amesbury
Abraham Huntington.
Martha E. Ames

Salem
Silas Dunton
Mary Ann Dunton

Exeter
Lydia M. Austin
Thomas Wood.

For Treasurer
Jona. H. Osborne.

Report The Treasurer's Report was
read then accepted and adopted, and
is as follows.

Report of Treasurer.

Balance on hand at last Report 38.91
Cash paid to order of Ex. Com. 10.00
Balance now on hand 28.91

Exeter
9 mo. 20. 1873.

Wm Dame
Treas.

Written reports from Schools were read. as follows.

To the Quarterly Conference of First-day Schools to be held at So. Hean. Lynn.

Our School has been Continued as usual through the summer. Average attendance about 50. The members are not so regular in attendance as we desire. There seems to be a lack of interest on the part of the old friends which of course has a great influence on the younger members. What can be done to draw the middle aged men and women into the School? We have three classes — one Bible class and two for Children.

Chas H. Jones Clk
Hannah E. Gore Supt

So. Hean

To the Friends First-da School Conference to be held at Lynn.

Our School continues about the same as when reported last Quarter.

Largest no. in attendance at one time 50
Average " 42

E. J. Brady
Lucy F. Osborne

Salem To the Friends' First day School Conference to be held at Lynn the 2d inst.

The School at Salem has not been as well attended the last quarter as heretofore. There is considerable interest with those who do attend. The Class of Children though small has been very regular and manifest much interest. We trust the attendance will be larger soon.

Joshua Buston Jr.
Supt.

East Dennys To the Sabbath School Conference to be held at Lynn the 2d inst.

The average attendance since our last report has been 25
Largest Attendance " 40
Smallest " 17

What course shall we pursue to increase the interest and numbers of our School?

Hannah E. Chase
Dennis K. Chase
Ex Com.

Which by direction of the Conference were not ready but were ordered to be spread upon the records.

There was a discussion upon the following

Question

What especial Good results have followed the Establishing of First Day Schools in the Quarterly Mtg?

Aug. Jones being called upon said that a great deal of Good has been done in various ways. Our S.S. have succeeded in developing teachers. They have given the young people something to do. Formerly the were recipients, now a work is laid out for them to do and we find them able to perform it.

The direct fruits of the S.S. is setting in action an individual power. One hundred Years hence people will see that the institution of S.S. was the commencement of the greatest power in the Church.

Thos. H. Jones Our attending S.S. we have been led to think for ourselves and that ~~one thing~~ is eminently worthy our consideration. We may not immediately see any great fruit of the Sabbath Schools but time will prove that they are the greatest power of the Church

Ibid. [illegible] meeting at which
Home we can see the di-
rect effects of the Sabbath School
It has broke down the bigot-
that once reigned, and with-
out it would have been sui-
cidal to discuss the Scriptures
now the largest liberty in this
direction is encouraged.
The Sabbath School prepares
the soil for the seed of the Spirit.

The next was a recitation
by Maria Dame and
Olive Newhall, consisting
of watchwords from the Bible.

Conference then entered
upon the consideration of
the following Question.

Would the benefits be more or
less to your Class only
in the Schools?

Those who spoke upon the
Question were unanimous
in the opinion that with good
teachers small classes were
the most successful

The Word said that the teachers
greatest hold is personal
contact with the scholars,

and in a very large class this would be impossible.

Elijah Jones said If the teachers can hold the attention of all the members of the class he is making progress. What we need is a class of live teachers whose hearts are thoroughly imbued with the Spirit of Christ.

Brother Fowler, said that the teacher should not talk from the desk into. He as a minister has found that the vital principle of success is the drawing out of the people. So the work of the teacher, he must not only impart his own ideas to the pupil but the pupil should be made to give expression to his own.

The Conference then took a Recess.

After Recess the Conference proceeded the consideration of the following

Question.

What are the earliest lessons to be taught infant classes in the first-day schools?

Mrs. Shipley of Philadelphia, said
that the first should be to
the Holy Spirit comes to the
Small Children. In our great
desire to strike a click we
into the teachings of the Lord
have some of us have not
been so careful as we ought
to be in regard to teaching
the love of the Holy Spirit.

Miss Foster Mitchell opened and
that while he would call the
Child's attention to the Loving
Spirit he would suggest
to the Child the necessity
of doing more to God,
to be obedient, Kind, Child
like &c.

Mrs Bond said
The Child must
first realize that there is a
God, then there is a Heaven
for us. He must ~~pray~~ to
God and in everything.

Mrs. Sherman.
In teaching children
we must be very simple in
our language. We must
speak according to their
faculties to understand.
Next was a recitation by
Mabel Crossman and
May Page.

The next question was read
& the Executive Com. was

In what way should parents
aid in the work of the Sun-
day School?

Mrs Lane said that she
had always Cooperated well
with the teachers, had a care
upon her Children the importance
of Stead and punctual at-
tendance at School.
She did not believe that we
should be too dogmatic in our
teachings thereby producing a
Clash of teaching in the child
mind. She prefaced to prefac
her remarks with the words
"I think".
Other several members of
the Conference had spoken briefly
on the Question the Conference
listened to an Essay on the Subject
of Sab. by Mrs. Wm. C. Sherwell and
Mrs. Mary Members of the Sun. School.
At 10 30 A.M. Conference ad-
journed.

William O. Boyd
Secretary.

Salem Quarterly Meeting
Conference of Friends' First-day
Schools, held at Weare 10th mo. 10th
1877

At half past two o'clock the Conference was called to order by the president J. Ellwood Paige, who read, as the opening exercise, portions of Scripture.

The minutes of the last conference was read and approved.

The Secretary then read written reports of several schools, which are as follows.

To the Conference.

Our School closed after a vacation of five weeks, tenth month seventh (9 7 mo) with a membership of seventy-five (75) not including the Bible Class which numbers twelve (12).
Number of teachers fifteen. (15)
The average attendance of scholars for the month has been (10) ten, being 66⅔ per cent.
Notwithstanding the membership has decreased by removal and other causes the average

attendance has been nearly as large as one year ago, and the percent of attendance much larger.

We voted to give four Sabbath Collections for the benefit of the Lynn City Mission; there have been taken amounting to eight dollars.

We have not to record any special evidences of Divine favor or blessing upon the work, but we believe there is a growing interest with the teachers and a realization that while it is theirs to labor God giveth the increase.

In behalf of the School

(Signed) Thos Hood
Lydia M. Austin
Ex Com

North Reading

To the Quarterly Conference.

Our School has been held the last Quarter with an average attendance of thirty five (35) Scholars.

We feel that we have been amply rewarded for the effort made in our pleasant gatherings in a social way, in searching the Scriptures, and endeavoring to treasure in the mind some of the great truths therein revealed.

Amesbury.

To the Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference

Since our last report we have taken a short vacation during the warm season. The School has again resumed its lessons and we may safely say they are ~~Characteristic~~ Characterized by vigor and energy.

C. L. Huntington Ex.
Ezra M. Sweet Com.

East Kingston.

To the Sabbath School Conference to be held at Weare.

Average attendance since our last report 17 3/4
Largest number 25
Smallest " 14.

Hannah E. Chase Ex.
Dennis R. Chase Com.

Verbal Reports.

Verbal reports were made as followed.

West Epping.

From the West Epping School Thos Folsom reports a decrease in the members of the children's classes, while the adult classes have remained the same as heretofore.

Boston. Mary Gove reported a full attendance and increasing interest in the Boston School.

Treasurer's Report. In the absence of the treasurer the Secretary reported the finances as remaining as they were when last reported, viz. Amt. on hand $2.89

Recitation. The first on the order of exercises was the recitation of a Poem entitled "A Single Head of Wheat," by six members of the North Weare School.

Reading. The Secretary then read an anonymous Essay which elicitated some discussion in relation to the result of reading the Bible.
The Essayist said that an earnest Christian teacher had asked this question; is there not a tendency in our present mode of teaching to lead into infidelity.
He — the teacher — thought there was such a danger.

Mr. Hoyt said that there is no one who carefully and prayerfully studies the Bible who can fall into infidelity. There are many cases known, where persons have made a study of the Bible for the purpose of proving their position in infidelity which they had already assumed, but who were

through the instrumentality of their Biblical research, converted to the true and living faith.

Charlotte Holmes, said that the Bible in the hands of a true Christian can never lead into infidelity.

John Hanson said that we must not appear to be shaken in our faith while we are attempting to teach Bible truth. We must teach as tho we believed all that we taught. Yea, as though we knew it.

Exercise James T. Boyce then gave a very interesting exercise on the Map of Palestine.

Recess.

Reading. The next on the order of exercises was the reading of a composition entitled "The Bible" By William O. Bruce.

Question. The conference now entered upon the consideration of the following question

What is the best method of disciplining our Sabbath Schools?

The discussion being participated in by Chas. H. Jones, James T. Boyce, John Hanson and others.

Bible Class. The next was an exercise by
Express. the Bible Class connected with the
North Weare School.

It being late, the Conference concluded
not to entertain the remainder of
the programme, but,

Voted that when it adjourns it adjourns
to meet at the call of the Ex.
Com.

Voted to adjourn.

William O. Brown
Secretary.

Annual Meeting
of
Friends First-Day Schools
held at
Lynn 1st mo. 7th 1874.

At 1.45 o'clock the Conference was called to order by the Clerk, E. Elwood Pike, who read, as the first exercise, the 133d Hymn.

On motion
E. C. Jones of Lynn and Chas. C. Jones was appointed Secretary Pro tem.

Reads The Report of the last Conference was read and approved.

Reads In regard of the Schools which were and are, were read by the Clerk and ordered on file.

Lynn The Quarterly Conference held at Lynn the 7th inst.

Our School has been [illegible] usual attendance. The largest number at any one session, [illegible] one hundred and five [illegible] children [illegible] said that [illegible] the [illegible] a

decided interest in the services.

Of the standard of success were measured by mere numbers, we could not boast of having a very successful school, compared with many in this city; but we feel that in spiritual things we must take a higher standard. We have participated in the school, [illegible] success; the essential and ultimate aim must be to make the best preparation for this final result. The best means of accomplishing this result, we hope will be brought out at the Conference to night.

Wm. C. Newhall
Supt. of Friends First Day School at Lynn.

D. Wing

To the Quarterly Conference to be held at Lynn the 7th inst.

The School here is now in a prosperous condition. There are five classes. Whole No. Fifty Eight. Average attendance Thirty Three. The interest seems to be increasing.

Chas. H. Jones, Supt.

[illegible] was read and approved.

Lazarus & Post

[illegible]

General subject

First on the order of exercises was the general subject, "Our great need; a solicitude for souls."

This question, or rather axiom, was [illegible] Bro. L. Conrad. He said we failed very much in our labors by not believing in the conversion of our young children. He believed in it fully, and proved his position by many circumstances which he related, which had come under his own personal knowledge. "It was not enough" said he, "to sow our seed broadcast, but by pressing personal questions home to the children, expect that the promise 'According to the faith be it unto thee' will be verified. "If we cannot reach the old people we still have our Saviour's promise and 'feed my lambs'."

Sister St. Jones of Weare took up the subject of "feed my lambs," and spoke of the various methods by which it might be done accomplished.

The children are constantly thinking [illegible], and we need to have their thoughts turned in the right direction.

Thomas Ward

Thomas Ward said that it needed an enthusiasm in any kind of business, to make it successful; and that there was nothing that promised so much for enthusiasm, as Sabbath school work. The thought that

laboring for immortal souls, ought to cause us to bend all our God given abilities to the work.

[illegible] was blessed with the opening of the subject by said Brother and made some remarks of practical interest to him; particularly that in which stated that we were not to be satisfied with mere goodness.

He illustrated by speaking of two of his acquaintances, one of whom was religious and the other religious. He continued religious the other hour [illegible] but that goodness was not sufficient unless accompanied by those principles which would cause it to be maintained.

Another point [illegible] was [illegible] meetings. He thought our form of church government the best for the church of any; for that reason he arranged a set of Queries, for [illegible] meetings in Philadelphia [illegible] and all concerned were benefitted.

Too much discussion on religious [illegible]

Filed. [illegible] on the [illegible] adjourned to meet at Annesburg, on [illegible] the preceding third fifth day in March next, and at [illegible] P. M.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference
of Friends First Day Schools
held at Amesbury 5th mo 22nd 1874

The Conference was called to order at
three o'clock by the President
J. Elwood Page. For the opening
exercise he read a portion of the Sermon
on the Mount which was succeeded
by a prayer for wisdom.

The Secretary being absent on motion
of Wm. O. Newhall, Lucy J. Gove
was appointed Secy pro tem.

Records. The records of the last meeting not having been forwarded the Conference proceeded to the other business before it.

Reports. Written reports were received from the Schools at Lynn, Amesbury and Salem which were read by the Secy and are as follows

Lynn. Visits to First Day School Lynn 5mo 17th
Whole number of scholars 56.
Whole number of teachers 15.
Average attendance of scholars 44 pr ct
Average attendance of teachers 58 pr ct

Thomas Wood,
Lydia M. Newhall,
Ex Com.

Amesbury

To Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends Fifth Day Afternoon to be held at Amesbury 5mo 1874.

Dear Friends, The subject of Sabbath Schools claims an unabated interest. Our school has not been regularly held through the winter and spring months yet we believe it has not for lack of interest on the part of many of our dear friends, especially some of our young friends, who manifest an interest in this respect worthy of imitation. When held the school for number is about the same as formerly reported. We hope and trust that though not held altogether we shall go on in this interesting and important work.

For the Com
Elphan Swett.

Boston

Report of the Boston Bible Class to the Salem Quarterly Conference of First Day Schools.

No written report having been rendered since the Quarterly Conference held at Amesbury in 1871.

I will merely say that the Class has been conducted on the same general plan as at that time reported. The Class has ranged from 15 to 45 in number, and has been held at the close of the First Day sessions, occupying about an hour. The services have consisted in reading,

a section of the Bible followed by
[illegible] in reference to its meaning,
closing by each member repeating a verse
from the Scriptures. Under the gracious
labors of the faithful and devoted brother
John Kinsey the services have usually
been very pleasant and as the interest
seems to be increasing let us hope that
it may be blessed to the spiritual good of
each member.

Ellen L. H. Pillow.

Nov 22, 1874. (Sec. pro tem)

There was not even a verbal report from
that Society Salem, Epping, East Kingston,
So. Hampton, & Winnacunnet. We charitably
hope it was not intentional neglect.

Treasurers Report. The report of the Treasurer was then read and ordered. It is as follows.

To the Quarterly Conference of Hunt-
ington District held June 22nd 1874.

The amount of money now in the
Treasury is twenty eight dollars and ninety
eight cents ($28.98)

J. E. Pillow
Treasurer.

The Treasurer remarked that it was the
same sum as was reported last year and
like the "one talent" it had been wrapped
in a napkin.

Communicating Love. At the suggestion of the President a
[illegible] spirited [illegible] was
next meeting names for officers for

the evening was the Committee named
of Lucie L. Bowe, Dora H. Crosman
Lena M. Gee Zephaniah Reed
Alice Bailey and Lucy L. Osborne.

Essay -

Next in the order of exercises was an
essay by Opal E. Brown. She began by
saying that the children who we were
taught in our S.S. Class were said to be
the workers in the Church. For they were
Educated in such a way that the
Church shall not only retain all that
she has ever gained of good but realize
in advancement. She spoke of the necessity
of teaching them that the only real life
is that which is hidden with Christ in God,
and that it is well to learn by other experiences.
and not waste time learning our lessons to see
what the price must be. There are many
who think it necessary to become good the
most bid-fellow, but there is also a ministry
of gladness and love which it is more blessed
to give than to receive. There are many people who
are considered not good like the elder brother of
the Prodigal, yet when the younger brother
came back, instead of joining in the glad and
rapid welcome, he sulkily grumbles outside.
For much time is spent in looking after the
faults of Church members, instead of extending
free and loving help to a lonely sin sick
world. Let us seek to have honest love for the
Saviour and entire dependence on the Lord.
Then ask for work, and strong hands and willing
hands to do it. ——

Benjamin Jones said he felt to [illegible] application
[illegible] to close the meeting,
Calvin Goddard wished to say Amen.

Daniel Fry said the Essay commends itself.
We can give the Bible as we intelligently
understand. What we lack of experience & Christian
knowledge the Lord will give us if we
earnestly seek.

Fernando C. Hood, wished to particularly to commend
to the elder brethren of the Presbyt.

Wm. H. Mitchell said. It is full of ideas and
what I wished particularly to commend is the
spirit of religious charity. It showed the
difference between bitter and unhappy
Christians. He said we ought not to
condemn a Brother Christianly because
they are sometimes wrong. Wm. Hester
once said to a young friend. Be there a
wrong-put Christian, and there will be a
reproving one.

Question The Conference then entered upon the
discussion of the following question.
Is the study of the Bible, as an object of
science, in accordance with the teachings of
the Bible itself?

The various sentiments
advanced by the different speakers were
very interesting but digressed greatly from
the question no one really answering it.
Benjamin Jones Daniel Fry Wm. O Newhall
and others stated that they did not believe

the Bible could be studied like the sciences
but did not prove the Divine Origin of the Bible
as the question denied.

Wm Thompson quoted the text. "Search the
Scriptures for in them ye think ye have
eternal life &c and study to show thyself
approved unto God a workman that
needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing
the word of truth." He read the Bible as
though it was a letter from Jesus to him.
Several spoke of the advantages of
conventions and Bible helps.

Benjamin Jones and Thos. M. Cox said they
hoped there would have been more thought
found, if there was any that could
answer the question that was on record
ready with.

Wm Thompson and Wm Cook. Both spoke of
their being in regards to conversion of
infants.

The Chairman having called
lost sight of the subject it was deemed
best to drop it.

Voted That the Conference adjourn
adjourn to meet at Lynn on 1st day
the 15th of Sept at 10 o'clock P.M.

A few moments were then spent
in silent prayer when the Conference
adjourned.

Lewis F. Goss.
Secretary pro tem

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting Conference [illegible]
[illegible] Pine Grove Church [illegible] Lyman
Oct me 15th 1874.

The Conference was called to order at
[illegible] o'clock by the Pastor [illegible] Ellis
Paige who read the nineteenth Psalm for the
opening exercise.

Report of Committee | The Secretary being absent it was decided
[illegible] to [illegible] the report of the Committee
Committee which was read by the President
and was accepted

The report is as follows,

For President

[illegible] E. Corsman [illegible]

For Secretary

Lucy F. Gove, Seabrook.

For Executive Committee.

[illegible]

Thomas Wood.
Lizzie K. Howie.

[illegible]

Abram Huntington
Anna M. Gove.

North Hoare

[illegible] Sawyer.
Hannah B. Sawyer.

[illegible]

Robert L. Brown.
[illegible] G. [illegible].

[illegible]

George Beede.
[illegible] [illegible]

Kennikee

Franklin Huntington.
Lamia Huntington.

Boston

[illegible]

Edwin [illegible] and [illegible] are
[illegible] Secretary and are
in [illegible]

No Reade Report from the Reade First-Day School
The average attendance of pupils
during the last Quarter has been 35
being six less than the number during
the previous Quarter.

We think our school continues to be
a source of interest and profit to all
who attend, yet we feel that many
members need awakening to a sense
of the importance of the work.

John Thorndike.
Julia M. Thorndike.
Ex Committee.

Lynn To the First-Day School Quarterly
Conference to be held at Lynn [illegible]
Dear Friends,

Our school has been closed the
usual fortnight since our last report.
The attendance during the [illegible]
for vacation, was above the average. The
school vacated the 2nd Sabbath in 7th mo
until the first of ninth mo.

Since the close of the school it has participated in a picnic at Walnut Grove Middleton which was a very enjoyable occasion to nearly 200.

[illegible] Bibles placed on the mantle of the school room [illegible] Testaments distributed texts purchased by the subscription of the scholars.

[illegible]
Thomas Wood,
[illegible]

Peter M. Neal wished the number of scholars and teachers reported in the Lynn school. The whole number of scholars was given 90. average 70. number of teachers 15. Bible class from 10 to 20.

There seems to be very little interest in the subject of Sabbath School.

Treasurer's Report. The report of the Treasurer was then read and accepted. it is as follows.

Treasurer's Report.

To the Quarterly Conference of Friends Schools.

The amount of funds now in the Treasurer is [illegible] eight dollars and ninety eight cents ($28.98)

J. E. Osborn
Treasurer.

The Executive Committee were authorized to use the money during the evening for the benefit of the school.

Essay.

An Essay was then read by William Forbes Mitchell entitled "The Place of Beginning". After giving a brief sketch of the Scriptural, their peculiarities and their influence in Theology - he showed that childhood was the place to begin and mould the human to be taught. He described the age that a child could comprehend salvation and be considered responsible for its sins. There were several pleasant illustrations given of different children. Also a poem on Infancy by George Mitchell. The Essayist thought childhood is so near to Jesus because it has seen the face of the Father.

Miss Chase

J. Chase

Miss Chase & Messrs Ford & Edwards Olsen & Co. all addressed, objected to different points in the Essay especially the part touching theology. Which remarks were very interesting and instructive to be remembered on the time and place. They were quite lengthy and [illegible] the subject of the essay.

Rev. Mr. Mitchell

Mr. Mitchell thought not over 4 yrs any age was too young for a child to be converted, but what is an infant to be converted from? He was aware there are many S.S. Children in Tacoma and feared

they had seen too much among Christians that religion and daily life were divorced from each other. Our religion must make us better every day people or it is not good for anything. He and his wife were present when the North Ware school was organized 17 years ago he thought it must have been a great help to the work.

Nothing [illegible] of Quakers said it was decided coming here. At home they do not discuss who is what, but love. In their Sabbath School they see the young people who are not connected with our society. They teach Jesus Christ and it is full with power.

Eli Jones spoke of the great necessity of children on our schools and the necessity that the Bible must be rightly taught.

Ruth Murray of New York was called on to speak she said she was always very much interested in Sabbath Schools & she thought after the speech it was time to take to make a speech.

The Conference being of the same mind it was voted to omit the remainder of the programme It was a unanimous feeling that we had spent much time in accomplishing very little.

Voted to adjourn to North Ware Meeting House on Sixth day Second the Quarterly Meeting to be held there.

After a devotional pause, the Conference adjourned

Lucy F. Gove

Secretary.

Elizabeth R. Cox,
Thomas Ford.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference
of Friends First Day Schools
held at Salem 8th mo. 14th 1875.

The conference was opened by
the reading of a portion of the 4th
chapter of Galatians by the President
Solomon Lippincott. Prayer was
then offered by John Davis of Pen-
cader. The time for which the
officers were chosen having expired, a committee was appointed
by the conference to bring in a new
list of names to serve the coming
year. The committee nominated
by the conference consisted of -

James S. Haines.
William Foster Mitchell.
Samuel Reeve.
Lewis J. Cushing jr.
Samuel M. Brown.
William D. Reed.

The committee adjourned
to meet at the Friends meeting
house at Salem at 2 o'clock P.M.
at which time they were called to order by the
President. A written report
from Salem was presented by
the following viz.

Salem 8th mo. 14th 1875 -

Report of the Salem Quarterly Conference
of First Day Schools.

Dear Friends:-

The First day school at
Salem has just closed its 8th

year, during which it has enjoyed
an increasing prosperity, owing
largely to the devotion and
labor of its Superintendent.

There is also an increased interest
among the teachers manifested
by being more uniformly present
Their Classes. The young
people's meetings instituted this
year and held at 6½ o'clock Sab-
bath evenings have been a val-
uable auxiliary to the school,
and have evidenced much, fruit
of the labor put forth there.

The number of scholars in
attendance the last year is
as follows viz
Scholars present (74) fifteen
Teachers (4)

Average of scholars in the school
" " teachers & officers
fifteen. 15
" " total 19

Elijah C. Harris.
Thomas Wood.
Committee.

Hannah B. Sawyer gave a verbal
report of the condition of the
school at South Weare.

There were about fifty in
attendance. Teachers &c. four-
teen. Reported that the school at

[illegible] but considerable interest was manifested.

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved; viz,

Treasurer's Report.

Received of [illegible] Treasurer
$8.33 for fifty (50) copies of the Olive Leaf.
Amount now in the hands of the Treasurer. $20.65

G. H. Dobbins,
Treasurer.

Amesbury, 8th mo. 13th 1875.

Franklin Huntington said that Sunday School at Newmarket was very small but interesting.

Newmarket.

Reports from Deering Epping and West Epping were received.

Thomas B. Nichols of East Kingsbury made the inquiry if Leeds Lodge were not in all our schools. Thomas Wood replied that he thought they [illegible]

Thomas Hilton said that he had always liked them; but only as an outline to the lesson.

The nominating committee then returned with the list of new officers; viz, ——

New officers.

Mr. Thorndike
Mr. Allen Bailey

Mr. President and Brethren having taken their places, the petition prepared by the Executive Committee was presented to the Conference and read, viz. "The necessity and advantage of the teachers of the Lord's people in the true Biblical principles of Christian truth."

"That the petitioners may acquire a Knowledge of the truth he would teach."

"That needs this knowledge for his own spiritual growth and comfort."

He needs it for instructional purposes.

1st To arrest the attention of his pupils.
2nd To retain the confidence of his pupils.
3rd To impart thorough instruction.
4th To confirm the faith of his pupils.
5th To prepare his pupils for the highest spiritual enjoyment.

The meeting was called upon by the President to open the discussion and in opening he spoke of the subject upon James S. Kemper who made a few opening remarks.

He thought the most object to be attained at first was not so much to bring the children to Christ, as to give them a more thorough knowledge of the Bible and that would follow.

Everybody would be benefitted by a better understanding of the Bible and the whole community would feel its influence.

William Victor Mitchell was heard a few minutes and stated he used to commit Bible verses to memory and he also appreciated it. (No one ever regrets having learned any part of the Scriptures. He thought it a better plan to study the Bible in subjects. As take all the verses pertaining to one

subject at one time, and [illegible]
relating to another subject the
next time. And so on, instead
of reading the chapters as
they occur in the
Bible. It is the same way
with interesting and true in-
cidents. [illegible] should
be very simple in our manner
of presenting the truths of the
Bible. Our language is known
very well, from our first
life, and human nature is prob-
ably much the same in
Germany as in America.

[illegible] should
be very careful and not for-
get to be at your post.
Do not wait to go to the
Bible for knowledge. We thought
the Sabbath School was des-
tined to be a great [illegible]
agency. But we must not
[illegible] Sabbath Schools
[illegible] more than
were about 5,000,000 children.

Kate Dame raised the
question "Is it wise to put
young teachers into our first
Sabbath Schools? Is knowledge
of the Bible [illegible]?"
Answered yes. Thought the
teacher should have a thorough
knowledge of all the Prophecies

conclusion in the Bible, which referred to Christ's coming, should know all the texts that tell us when he is to be here on earth, and all the texts relating to his life and resurrection, he will not be able to form a correct opinion of the whole character of the Bible. A little knowledge of the Bible, on one will assist the Universalist.

Before any person undertakes to interpret the Bible he should understand what kind of a book the Bible is. It will not do to take texts here and there, by which to prove one's faith, but he must take the Bible as the Universalist does his creed, and read the Bible as one grand whole.

When any person thinks he can recognize any man's interpretation of the Bible.

It was a book given by inspiration and no one could be more or less inspired to rightly understand it. In reference to his views in question, he said that he thought young people would make good teachers who were thrown upon their own resources, and so

obliged to ask help. He would
[illegible] people. Thomas B. Richie
thought the teacher should
[illegible] old. John Henry Eisenman
thought [illegible] more childlike, and as better
prepared to present the truths
to children in a simple
[illegible]

Ex-Prin. Johnson of Penn
would visit the room that
had been entrusted. He believed
in the importance of training
[illegible] and in the
absence of teacher, they would
be [illegible] allow themselves to be absent
from their classes. He has
seen [illegible] successful teachers.

Charles R. Jones wished
to present but a few ideas.
[illegible] He thought
[illegible] benefit [illegible]
[illegible] the next meeting.

That had been his experience.
In the second place he wished to survey the importance of learning the answers to the questions instead of reading them. Teachers get into the habit, and the children quickly follow.

Dr. Wiley of Indiana thought the teacher should present to their classes the most obvious meaning of the text, and not try to teach spirit where there was none.

Stephen Moore thought there was too much reading in the classes. Outside helps were all very good, but they should be left at home. The lesson papers should not be taken into the school.

Charles H. Jones wished it to be distinctly understood by the new Executive Committee that they were to see that reports were presented to the next Quarterly Meeting, from each of the Sixty-day Schools.

There being no other business to come before the meeting the conference adjourned to meet at Neare, at two o'clock on 6th day P. M., previous to the Quarterly Meeting.

Abbie E. Eastman
Secretary.

At Salem 2. M. Conference held at Weare 10th mo. 15th 1875.

The Conference was called to order by the Pres. Chas H. Jones, who read as the opening exercise, the 90th Psalm, and then led in prayer.

The Sec. Abbie M. Crossman not being present, William C. Brend was chosen Sec. Pro Tem.

Reading of Records. The records of the last Conference were read and approved.

Reports. Only three written reports were sent in: these were read and are as follows:

No Weare. We have nothing marked or important to say of our school. The attendance is nearly the same as when last reported, including the larger part of our meeting. When we turn back to the time of its commencement and permanent organization, some twenty five years ago and see the little nucleus consisting of a few families meeting at different houses and having frequent and serious interruptions, we can see that some progress has been made. A much larger pro-

portion of our members are interested in some degree, for we fear that there is not that earnestness and intense application to the study of the Bible that is indispensible to a growth in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Our Lesson Books is elaborate, profound, and which might be made to aid and bless a School, are, we fear, failing to accomplish the end designed because of our indolence and want of application.

Do not too many scholars use the Lesson Books as a sort of bridge, on which they trip lightly over the Golden Stream which flowed beneath our feet should press while we are seeking earnestly for hidden treasure so abundant and more precious than pearls and Gold and diamonds?

Yours &c.,

Melissa Theodosia Cone

South Shore.

Owing to various causes, our School since last Quarter has not been in a very flourishing condition. Three classes have been set up most of the time. The

and is hopes to organize a church after the Conference closes to be able to present a more favorable report next time.

Lynn. The non official report from Lynn is as follows: Number of scholars belonging to school 90. Number of (Classes) 2: Average attendance since last report has been 41.

Verbal reports were made of the schools at Salem, Epping, and West Newbury.

Treas. Report. The Treasurer made the following report which was read and accepted.

Dr. Cr.

The Ex. Com. presented the following for the consideration of the Conference.

Question. "Why has there been so little fruits produced from the labors rendered in Sabbath Schools?"

Answer. Would teach the Text of the Bible and then that the Bible proves itself. Use part proving exercise. We would teach Children the customs and peculiarities of the Biblical people. We doubt if time enough is spent with the children to shape their

Treasurer's Report.

To the Salem Quarterly Conference of First day Schools.

Paid Thomas Wood (#10) ten dollars for money advanced to Deering School, leaving (#10,65) ten dollars Sixty five cts. in the treasury

Signed J. H. Osborne
Treasurer

Lives according to the New Testament.
The Old Testament is all very well but the New Testament is our only true Guide in this life. He introduced the following Resolution:

Resolution. Resolved that the Bible lessons should so impress Children with the spirit and precepts of the New Testament that they will make it the rule of their conduct in performing the duties of life.

He said it is not necessary for me to prove that the New Testament is the only genuine Moral Constitution of society, and its principles the only safe foundation of all Valuable education. We all, or nearly all, believe that. The essence of the New Testament is "Peace" "Love" and "good will"

Prof. Currie. asked. "To what extent shall we introduce singing music & other entertainments as attractions to a S. School?"

J. P. Pope. should principally with Moses Carrefax. Libraries and entertainments may draw in and increase the school but not a few of the present time conclude that Singing is the best means to that end. But he would go beyond and deeper than any of these. He may trace the bad fruits in our Schools & attributable to a lack of the great moral power in education.

A conductor may make use of many locomotives in the endeavour to start his train but unless there is fire under the boilers no headway is made. We need in our schools more of the spirit which fired the souls of such persons as George Fox, Lady Huntingdon, Elizabeth Fry, and Rowland Hill. We need an ambition that knows no such word as fail We can not earnest enough and none of us dare rest on "to-morrow" through fear of being called fanatical. Said Rowland Hill to his companion: You call me fanatical, but I am one, in earnest and plead only the words of soberness. Once when I saw the caving in of a burning there were I called aloud for help as near as to be heard from there a mile away, and help coming two of the men came and said to one called me fanatical then. But now because I cried aloud and came not, warning from the danger to come they call me fanatical.

We do not all expect to be a Rowland Hill, but we can do something.

We must gauge ourselves according to the needs of the pupil,

could not get his face above their heads, or, understanding

Rev. Mr. Staughton, Rector of the Episcopal Church, Hanover St. ——— said. No one can undertake the education of the child to fit him for eternal life without himself having his heart set on fire as it were, with the love of the Gospel and its teachings, and this is quite all important as, without this great love of the true and good we can not impress the young under our care as we could otherwise do.

Dr. Upton Bread of Judaism said.

One important point in teaching is to get the child to see for himself the ~~of the~~ scriptures and of eternal life; and this is best accomplished by first interesting the child in historical incidents, then by easy degrees leading him above into the region of more abstract sections.

Prof. Loomis said. We must be fired with a love for the work & then we must adapt ourselves to the wants and capacities of the children we wished teach.

Huldah E. Jones. We should ~~at once~~ seek to bring the to the Lord Jesus in the first

Sister ways.

Abigail Hanson said. Teaching should begin at home. Another hindrance is, the arguments we use are too mystical, we use too many old set phrases and we do not reach the Childs mind. If we want to teach children we must use simple language.

Recess. The Conference then took a recess of ten minutes.

Recitations. The Conference was favored with recitations by Helen Jones & Cora McKillips. also by Hattie Jones & Jennie T. Bird.

T. Bird said. The recitation by one of the little girls gave him a text "Confidence in God," and then let us go back a step and ask the question: "Do we believe?" We must first believe in God then we can teach from the heart and our efforts will not be of no avail.

After a time pretty fully occupied with asking and answering various questions, the Conference voted that when we adjourn we do so to meet at Salem, on Seventh day evening, Quarterly Meeting day, in the first month next.

Conference adjourned.

T. T. Bird Sec. pro tem.

Quarterly meeting Conference of Friends' First-day Schools held in Salem, seventh day eve. 1st mo. 15. 1876.

In the absence of the President Charles F. Jones, Thomas E. Taylor, Clerk of the Executive Committee called the meeting to order.

J. Edward Paige was chosen Clerk of Conference to act as President for the evening. After the reading of the minutes of last Salem, and the usual silence, the Secretary's Report of the Conference held in Penn in 1st mo. was read and accepted.

As written reports from any of the schools having been omitted, verbal reports were called for.

Reports of Schools. J. Edward Paige, as Superintendent of the school at Layton, made a favorable report in reference to its condition. The attendance was about the same as when last reported and interest was manifested. On the same call, further reports were made by members from North Neare and Providence. Nothing new was presented.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was then read and accepted, and is as following, viz.

Receipts, 1st mo. 1876.

Yearly Quarterly Conference of Friends' Schools

Report of J. H. Treasurer

The amount in the treasurer in ten dollars and sixty three cents ($10.63)

Signed J. H. Osborne.
Treasurer.

The question brought forward by the Executive Committee, "Have the rules of this school been strictly observed by the students and if so wherein?" was then opened to the Conference.

William Foster Mitchell was first called upon, but requested that upon the negative, in reply to points brought up by the affirmative, he should prefer to wait until the affirmative had spoken.

[illegible] was then called upon to speak.

As is too often the case at our Conferences, peculiarities are brought forward, the existence of which, we are in perfect ignorance until the [illegible] one is prepared to speak, and we cannot wonder at it.

After some little delay, William Foster Mitchell consented to give us his thoughts even if upon the opposite side, and they were expressed in his usual interesting and instructive manner.

John Henry Cranman, J. Ellwood

Judge Lamar, Ward, Stephen Breed [illegible], James P. Boyce, Augustine Jones and George A. Trenholm followed him.

The question was then raised, "Shall the Board of Trustees hereafter be held quarterly or semi-annually hereafter?"

Second Session.

Augustine Jones thought it would be advisable to have them held once in six months.

James P. Boyce thought they should be held as now, quarterly or not at all.

[illegible] made as twice a year, only he should think it advisable for the Executive Committee to send word to the various meetings what questions were to be discussed, as they might no longer have the excuse, that they were not prepared.

[illegible] the question [illegible]

He did not believe in giving up anything.

[illegible] in favor of their being held quarterly. [illegible] was then taken, and it resulted in a large majority, who were in favor of retaining the present

Adelbert M. Chapman,
Secretary.

Meeting commenced
by reading the twenty eighth Psalm and
prayer by Moses P. Bowne and Lucy A. Gove was chosen

The meeting was opened
by reading the twenty eighth Psalm and
prayer by Moses P. Bowne and Lucy A. Gove was chosen

The records of this
were then read by the Secretary.

Minutes — which is as follows.

The Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference
did at Amesbury in the 5th mo.

Although we have had five comfortable
first-day schools at our Meeting
where it is usually held for best accommodation
yet we are glad to say that a school of
about thirty has been kept
at Pleasant Valley under the care of

Hannah Smith.

James P. Bowne said the Pleasant School
continued about the same as heretofore
Mean School reported by Moses Sawyer
as much interested in the work — from 30
to 40 members they feel that they are
amply rewarded for their labor.

[illegible]

[illegible] present time is [illegible] dollars and [illegible]
cents ($10.65)

J. H. Osborne

[illegible]

[illegible]. He began by saying — "[illegible]
[illegible] fast". [illegible] think [illegible] much of the
accumulation of money, and do not [illegible] the
[illegible]
[illegible]. If we seek a[illegible]
should be satisfied with what it ca[illegible]

The power of memory with [illegible]
[illegible]
its interests and joys. He the[illegible]
[illegible]
against it. He considered the [illegible]
an effectual agent. He [illegible]
whiskey wing a more despotic tyran[illegible]
that of George the 3rd. It is a curse [illegible]
land and works only ruin everywhere [illegible]
greatest desolation is seen at the fireside.

[illegible]

Lynn 10 March 1879.

[illegible] Sabbath School [illegible] Average attendance of [illegible] are divided into [illegible] classes.

Geo. H. Jones, Sec.

No. Ithaca — Verbal reports giving the [illegible] that at No. Ithaca there is an interesting [illegible] older members, there is a good deal of interest. They use the [illegible] lesson.

West Winfield — Jan. 1st elected the [illegible] Teachers as per [illegible] Sabbath School [illegible] 1st Epistle, in a good [illegible] in a [illegible], and recommend [illegible] Teachers' Normal Class, as [illegible] studied.

Unnecessary — Unnecessary to report, as [illegible] degree of interest [illegible]

West Eppina — At West Eppina all the [illegible] members are interested. The [illegible] [illegible] Sabbath [illegible] [illegible] Sabbath School, [illegible] Bible class at Random.

Remarks — [illegible]

[illegible] meeting, [illegible]
[illegible] evening of [illegible] preceding [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference
of Friends, held at [illegible]
Month 14th 1880.

The Conference was called to order by the President J. Ellwood Page at half past Seven who read a Psalm.

The Secretary not being present Irvin J. Reynolds was appointed Secretary pro tem.

The following report was read and was from the Upper Evesham Select [illegible]

To the Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference.

The number of our school since the opening of the School year last June was eighty five, an average of about twenty five less than last year.

A marked feature of this term has been the increased attendance of our aged friends, which has been a great strength and encouragement to us.

There have been two new [illegible]

Class formed, numbering about twenty.
We think there is an increased interest manifested in the study of the Scriptures, though our hearts are not gladdened by seeing the youth of the land earnestly drinking the waters of life.
We hope the different teachers will have a more favorable report to make in this respect and trust we may receive encouragement from that information as elicited from them by this evenings conference.

Signed Geo. C. Herbert.
Lizzie M. Hall.

From the North Main School the following report was read.

New School numbers twenty adults and eight younger scholars, nearly all of whom attend regularly.
Conference of the school on Wednesday evening. Meeting is held at the close of each session which increases the interest in the schools.
We have a good library, which is well patronized by the pupils.

Signed Chas. A. Jones
Supt.

From the Boston School we are informed that there are two classes and a Bible class and an increasing interest in Bible study.
Salem school reports an increased interest in the study of

Something else worthy of note especially for the last few months.

From Epsom and Hamilton we have reports of interesting schools.

Upon the several questions proposed at our last conference for discussion many interesting remarks were made.

James P. Boyer thinks Bible schools have been a great benefit to him and that any one who studies the Bible will gain religious strength if the study is made for that purpose.

Lizzie K. Hoxie states that she first found her Savior at the Bible School.

Elizabeth Mallison said that her answer to the first question, must be an emphatic Yes. A communion that was sweet and deep than ever before had been blessed to her at the attendance of Bible Schools.

Hannah B. Sawyer had been greatly benefited by teaching others.

J. Edward Pugh thought that an interest in the study of the Bible showed a deepening in religious life.

A similar view was expressed by John Henry Coffman.

Samuel Jones thought we must be consecrated to the Lord to be benefited by Bible study.

On the question of enforcing strict rules of order in the classes. Some thought that those who appeared to pay the

last attention to the lessons, really learned the most number boys who were restless and used their feet well, would also use their heads well and that too strict enforcement of rules among nervous boys would be an injury rather than a benefit. It was thought better to rule by love than by coercion.

Adjourned to meet at Meeting on Fourth day Fifth Month 26th at three o'clock P.M.

Mary L. Hoyes
Secy. pro tem

Salem Quarterly Meeting
Conference of Friends First-Day School held in Amesbury the 26th of 5th Mo. 1880

The Chairman and Secretary being absent the Conference was called to order at 3 o'clock by Wm. C. Hewhall who read the 103 Psalm.

Wm. C. Hewhall was chosen Chairman pro tem and J. H. Chase Secretary Pro Tem.

The Records of the last Conference were read.

The time having expired for which the Officers were elected, the following Com. were appointed to bring forward names for Officers of the ensuing year.

Abigail A. Leeds, Howell Hill, Elizabeth Valentine, Phebe H. Buxton, Anna M. Gove Albert E. Hill and Mary A. Chase

Reports from Schools

From Agm. The School Quarterly Meeting Conference of First Day Schools. The School at Lynne is in about the same condition as reported in the First-Month. The membership is 137 with an average attendance of 82. We receive the name of a new scholar most every week, so can say truthfully that our school is growing. For one year ago we reported only 114 members with an average attendance of 55. We have collected during the year ending last Sabbath $69.43 of which amount $28.47 has been given in various sums to Mount Lebanon Mission, No. Carolina Mission & the Indians in Kansas under the care of Friends. Our collections which are much larger than ever before we attribute partly to the use of collection envelopes. The Amount contributed each week is noted on the outside, and Command (largest, Smallest & total) announced each week in the School. We have taken 150 books from our Library which now numbers 1050 Volumes, 300 of which have been sent to a Sandwich Island School and 50 to a school in R. I. We use the Tunes & Quarterly & hold Teachers meetings weekly when for, Singing has been introduced into the school as an exercise. Our Social gatherings held quarterly in the School Rooms are occasions much enjoyed by old & young. About 125 were present at the last one. After Library exercises of an interesting character, ice Cream & cakes are served.

We have not been favored with the presence of any member of the Yearly Meeting's Bible School Committee, a member of which we understand

has visited most of the Schools in the Yearly Meeting, which fact we deeply regret. We feel that there is a growing & deepening interest on the part of the Scholars both children & adults in the study of the Scriptures, which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith

George C. Herbert
Elizabeth K. Hoxie } Committee

Lynn 5th. Mo. 25th. 1880.

From Salem. Our Bible Class at Salem has been held regularly, with but one exception since our last Conference, with about the usual amount of interest. Whole number attending the class 15 average attendance 10 to 12.

P. H. Burton } For the Committee.

From Amesbury. To the Quarterly Conference to be held the 26th inst. We think our Bible School is at this time in a prosperous condition. The average attendance has been 25. The school is divided into 3 classes.- One Bible Class - The others use the Scholars Quarterly. There is a manifest interest in the lessons each week and we believe the school is a benefit to our meeting.

A. C. Hill } for the Comt.

Amesbury 5 Mo. 24, 1880.

From Salisbury. South Hampton 5th. Mo. 25, 1880

In reaching out our report, we are glad to be able to say that the interest has kept up and with some of our members increase in Sabbath School work. Connected Members 35. Average Attendance 20. divided into 3 Classes. We use the Bible Scholars Text-Book for the Bible Class, the Scholars Quarterly for the

Second Class and the Dew Drop for the small Class. all published by David Cook. Our School is kept up the year round, we think it pays.

Geo. H. Jones Superintendent.

From Hemmiker: Hemmiker First-Day School Report.

We are happy to say our school is improving both in numbers and interest. Yet our school is still small. We have a Bible Class of 10 scholars an increase of 8. And a small class of from 6 to 8 of all new ones.

Epping - Thomas Osborne reported the continuance of the Epping School about as when last reported -

Boston Gilbert C. Haag informs that most friends who attend this meeting attend the school.

Remarks C. H. Thurston spoke of the importance of Sabbath Schools keeping records, of their Schools, for there are instances when in after years such records would be valuable - He also encouraged an attendance to these Conferences, more intent on Bible Study and for teacher to be less confined to text-books. A little discussion followed on that part of Lynn Report which refers to their "Social Gatherings" - as leading to a conformity to this world, which does not have a tendency to increase the Spirituality of Christians.

Treas. Report. Amesbury 5th Mo. 8th 1886

To Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference of First-day Schools. The Amount in the Treasury at the present time is Ten Dollars & Five (Cts 10.65)

J. H. Osborne, Treasurer

The nominating committee presented the following names for officers—

Officers (Officers for 1880

For Chairman, Charles A. Goodrich

" Secretary, Sarah L. Hill

" Treasurer Huldah Burton.

Executive Committee.

Lynn Sarah Hill & Lucy L. Herbert

Salem Lucy L. Paige & Lucy L. Burton.

Boston Libbie C. Kent & Susan H. Reader

Amesbury Anna M. Dove & J. H. Osborne.

Methuen Robt L. Bean & Susan L. Brown

Epping Sarah Peabody & Lizzie L. Nichols

Hampton Lena Huntington & Laura Ella Huntington

E. Weare Daniel Johnson & Mary A. Johnson

No. Weare Lucy E. Osborn & Lucy L. Osborn.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Executive Committee of their Appointments and that it is the opinion of this Conference that the Executive Com. at the Monthly Meeting when the Conference is to be held shall make the Arrangements for the meeting—

At 4-45 adjourned to meet in North Weare on Tuesday preceding the Quarterly Meeting at 2½ o'clock.

John F. Chase—Secretary Pro Tem.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference
of First Day School held at Pearl
2nd of 10th Mo. 1881

Conference called to order
by the Chairman who opened the meeting
by reading several selections of scripture
relative to Bible study

Minutes of Secretary
Secretary
Records

The Secretary being absent
[illegible] was appointed to fill
the office during the present meeting.
The records were then read
and accepted

Reports
Lynn

Reports being next in order
and none being presented from Lynn
James C. Hyde said he thought there was
a very limited interest manifested in
this school and that the following were
doing more good than any other
[illegible]

Salem
Friends

[illegible] Salem Meeting House
[illegible] Friends
being [illegible] held [illegible] will be attended
a very interesting [illegible] place on Fourth
in 8th Mo. last

Newburyport

[illegible] Newburyport, being
Bible School Conference [illegible] at
Pearl. Our school has continued
with increasing interest since the last
report. We have three classes and
[illegible] Our [illegible] lessons mostly from
the Bible [illegible] the two following
International rules.

D. C. Mayfield
Sec.

Lynn 10th Mo 8th 1881

West Newbury

Epping

last reported

Hennikes

Hennikes 10th Mo 20th 1880

held at No. Weare. Our First day school at Hennikes has been continued since our last Conference We have two classes one Bible and one Childrens class. The school is necessarily small but we are glad to say that there is good interest and that all who attend the meeting also go to the school — Franklin C. Huntington (Supt.)

So Weare

So. Weare 10th Mo 20th 1880

with thankfulness that we are able to report an increase of numbers and also of attendance 30 The school is divided into two classes — We use the Bible Class Scholar for the Bible class. The Sabbath school scholars use the for the older children and the Dew drop for the small class. All published by David C. Cook. Geo. W. Jones Supt.

No Weare

Our School has been regularly kept for the last three months the number on the roll has been about 30 usually attend our First-day meetings The school is divided into two classes all study the International Series of lessons but is perhaps less interest in Bible study

Lindsay No. Ontario
Jan 1880

Recitations

Sunday

Recitations

Singing

[illegible]

[illegible] morn preceding the Quarterly meeting
via the 5th Mo. at 8 o'clock.

Anna M. Cox
Sec. pro tem.

In the Quarterly Meeting Conference of
[illegible]

Conference called to order by the Chairman
who opened the meeting by reading a selection
of Scripture from Revelation -

The minutes of the last Conference
were read & accepted -

The time having arrived for which the
Officers were chosen the following were
appointed for the coming year -

Offices For Chairman, Charles H. Thorndike -
" Secretary, Sarah A. Hall
Treasurer, Howard Burton
Executive Committee,
Lyman Cox, Edward and Mary J. Rogers,
[illegible] Jr., Beulah and Howard Burton,
S. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible],
[illegible] Susan Brown & Robert [illegible] Brown.
Epping John [illegible] Folsom and Mary A. Folsom.
[illegible] Nathan P. [illegible] and Anna [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] Conference [illegible] First day School to be held at Amesbury 5 mo. 25. [illegible]

[illegible] 41. [illegible] one year ago it numbered 138. average [illegible] 62 [illegible] increased average of 18. which shows the active interest of the work[illegible] [illegible]

There are 14 classes and 4 [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. Teachers meetings continue to be [illegible] [illegible] & Angel of Peace are distributed [illegible]. The spirit of liberality [illegible] [illegible] shown by the [illegible] [illegible] the amount of weekly [illegible] [illegible] commenced [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a help to the School. We feel deeply the need of larger and better accommodations [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] Committee [illegible] have made appointment, will very soon [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

Kendall Hill
Lucy T. Herbert Ipswich.

Salem.

Boston. No report being presented William O Newhall thought the schools maintained as usual, Thomas Wood being Superintendent.

Our school has been well maintained since the last report. Though some of our members are very irregular in their attendance. The general average has increased the last part of the year. For the first Quarter, the number of scholars was 33, smallest 19, average 28. One graduating of our school, we have no primary or infant classes. We use the School [illegible]

West Newbury.

W. Newbury. There has been no school for several months at this place.

Lynn. No report being presented Lynn & Lynnfield Trustees Mr. Lum said, he thought a good interest was kept up in their schools - there [illegible]

Lynnfield. Dana Huntington said. There was an [illegible] the [illegible]

up—

So. Acre. To The Sabbath school Conference to be held at Anrestown The 25 inst.

It is with heart-full gratitude to him without whose blessings all our labors are in vain, that we report our School as So. Acre in a flourishing condition both in regard of numbers as well as interest. Whole number of scholars 43. average attendance 30. Divided into three classes as stated in our last report. We still continue to use David C. Cook's lesson books.

George H. Jones - Supt.

So. Acre. To The Conference.

We have been favored with an average attendence somewhat greater than when last reported. The same text-books are in use and the classes arranged as

We commenced then listened to an Essay of considerable interest, by Anna M. Pom. the

Essay.

in the old and new Testament, and for the Scriptures in the Bible Lands, following the lecture with prayer and address as we listened to a account of some of the

interesting scenes which were then enacted for which the Conference tendered her a vote of thanks.

Recitations. Next in order followed a Bible lesson by Hiram C. Hall and a essay of Annes

[illegible]

Question [illegible]

Could you use stories or anything outside the [illegible]

[illegible] might be used to advantage - Mary J. [illegible] losing their interest in the lesson she tries to illustrate it by some story - W. C Newhall said the parables in the Bible are stories and as such interest the child - The next Question was - What Books shall we select for our Sabbath School Libraries Mary J. Chase would like to repeat the question - would get the very best, would object to a class of Books now in use in many of our Libraries of an exciting nature - W. C Newhall thought biographies and histories could be used with profit and such books as "Uncle Tom's Cabin", Fools Errand [illegible] committee to select books for Libraries -

Question In the question, to what extent should discussion be allowed in the Class? Daniel Gray field thought - the teacher should keep the discussion in his own hands and be guided by [illegible] interested in the lesson - Jonathan Osborne liked the expression of honest opinions but not to extend to heated discussions - Charles Jones said discussion can be used to advantage just so long as new truths can be learned.

Question [illegible] ques - Should we have teachers in the Sabbath School who use Tobacco? Daniel Gray field said if young men - no - if old men and faithful

and faithful teachers - yes - Dana Hunt
thought if they were good teachers, ought not
be employed if they use tobacco - S. Adelbert
[illegible] he felt it his duty to bear strong testimony against
the use of the filthy weed - He knew old man
who had used it for years who had gone to God
in prayer and conquered the appetite - Rejoiced
to say he belonged to a yearly meeting where
[illegible] Elizabeth Evans from Maine thing - it was
a bad habit - and ought in all ways to be
[illegible] Act 6. Could there it - it - we will for
dis-fellowship from the society of friends
should be indulgent to Aged friends
And long used it; would in any way
our power discourage its use, would not
employ a teacher who did not maintain
was a great evil -
A collection was then taken amounting
to $15.87 Conference now adjourned
until at 2 o'clock at the afternoon session
The Quarterly meeting at 2 P. M.
Sarah A. Hall -

Yearly Quarterly Meeting conference of
Friends First day Schools held at
Wilmington N. C. 1881.

The Conference was called to order by
the Chairman who read a number
of Scriptures from Psalms.

The records of the last Conference were
then read and accepted.

Reports from Schools

Lynn. Lynn Bible School 16 Mo. 1881.
Membership 125.
Average attendance 81.
The membership is smaller than
at last report, owing largely to removals
from town.
We use Times Quarterly and prefer
to use the order of service found therein
For the Committee
Mary J. Roy.

Salem. Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference
of First day schools to be held at Pel
the 19th inst.
In consequence of the fewness in number
of those interested in the Bible class at Salem,
it was discontinued at the commencement
of this year and has not been revived.
Mary J. Burton
Martha E. Burton
Com.

Boston school not reported

Bost

West New Town school is reported

but [illegible] as discontinued -

To the Bible School Conference of Iowa

Yearly Meeting to be held at [illegible]

Sunday One School has continued [illegible]

Largest number in attendance 34.

Average attendance for the Quarter 26.

[illegible]

class has been added to the school, so we

have, since the year began reason [illegible]

to the third year in years

One interesting fact of the Teachers meeting

established since our last report, to wit

[illegible]

is invited - We meet with at the

different houses of Friends so that all

may have an opportunity of attending some

of the meetings - a portion of the time is

devoted to social intercourse and the remainder

to the study of the lesson.

[illegible]

The same as last reported - a verbal report by
L. Ho. Osborne -

South Weare:

South Weare school is reported as about
the same as usual -

This Circuit -

Scotton P. Buxton - ju Con -

The Treasurer's Report was now read -

Report -

Cash on hand last Conference	$0.15
" - - - - -	0.97
Balance on hand	$1.12

Hezekiah Buxton
Treasurer -

The conference was now favored with a discourse

She would not have two Christians overlook the
grand central truth of every lesson - We should
[illegible]
greatness of privileges, love - One Lord we are
to, not to look at our own hearts, but to Him
and teach as he assists us -

Questions were next in order -

Questions

[illegible]

Questions proposed—C. C. Thorndike said—Did not wis

[illegible]

salvation of souls—as a study of history, the Bible was interesting, the laws of the land were founded upon it—and the most eminent lawyers went to the Bible for instruction we may teach any fluently and learn not Christ—our great aim should be to practical results—

James B. Boyce—Don't know as we have anything to do with results—The words of truth are never lost—We should faithfully teach and leave the results to the Spirit—Sometimes a sermon preached many years ago will come to the mind of a man and be the means of bringing him to Christ just so with Bible teaching—

S. Adelbert Reed from Michigan—hoped all teachers might be one—that they were sowing seed—doing work—and in the hereafter the reward would come—

C. H. Jones—Our children should become more familiar with the Scriptures—have a general idea how to study the Bible—We should be able to give them a Scripture answer for each Question asked, if we would have time to grow up strong men and women in the Lord—

[illegible] Question—are we calling [illegible]

Question—In the School Work—over S. S. Kindergarten [illegible]

in many ways in our study of the Bible at
Questions we should not rely on any of the helps - get
what information we can from the out-
-ward sources - and then ask our Heavenly
Father's guidance to the right -

" At the suggestion of J. Franks Chase the Conference
[illegible]
of Deering S. School - also two dollars for
[illegible]

a vote of Thanks to Sister
[illegible]
was now given - There being no further busine
Conference [illegible]
on 4th day afternoon preceding the Quarterly
meeting in the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting Conference of
[illegible] held [illegible] Nov. 25. 1882.

The Conference opened as usual by reading of scripture, followed by a season of [illegible] during which prayer was offered by Issa Tuttle.

Report — The report of preceding Conference read and accepted.

Election of Officers — The Conference then entered upon an election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following names were proposed and accepted.

For Chairman Charles H. Gove.
" Secretary Anna M. Gove.
" Treasurer Owen Dane
Executive Committee

For [illegible] — William A. Kendall, Annie W. Paige

[illegible] — [illegible] H. Jones, Rebecca A. Hanson

Boston — Olney T. Meader, Mary B. Swan

[illegible] — Lewis E. Mayfield, Jennie P. Bailey

West Newbury — Robert L. Brown, Amanda M. Brown

Epping — Moses O. Nichols, Mary Ann Folsom

Newmarket — Nathan P. Burton, Laura A. Huntington

N. Dover — Lewis B. Chase, Augie L. Hanson

So. Dover — Lindley K. Odom, Lizzie P. Odom

Rehoboth / Lynn — William O. Marshall for Lynn verbally reported School held continuously with about the same attendance. Their manner of taking the collections still adhered to. Bible Class still interesting and well attended. As much interest manifested as at any time in the history of the school.

Salem / Boston — No school or Bible Class in Salem.

Olney S. Meader reported increased interest in Boston. An average attendance of thirty six the last Quarter. Collections taken every day, most of which have been used for Library.

Amesbury — To the Bible School Conference of Salem Quarterly Meeting

Our School has been well maintained since the last report. We think the manner teachers for the year have tended to keep up the interest in the classes. The infant class has been kept up most of the time.

The only [illegible] we have to record is a weekly collection [illegible]

Largest attendance for Quarter 35
Smallest " " " " 15
Average " " " " 25

Respectfully
Ex. Committee
Daniel E. Maxfield
Superintendent.

January 3rd Dec. 27th 1882.

Pittsfield — No school — Bible Class held at P. Sunday.

Epping — Thomas Folsom reported a fair amount of interest in this school at Epping East gave some account of how this Bible Class of eight individuals conducted their lessons. — No additions have been made to their library.

William E. Sinclair alluded to the interest manifested in the school at Epping

Capt. Hanson then gave a short history of this school from its beginning

and always been a blessing.

The Chairman invited Mr. Sinclair

Abigail Hanson remarks that the Sabbath Day School is always a blessing and that a profitable school where both the Fathers and mothers manifesting an interest.

Brentwood — Brentwood reported this school still in good condition. All remain to attend & seem interested.

N. Weare — No report from North Weare.

So. Weare

To the Quarterly Conference.

We are unable to report any increase in numbers or interest. We have suffered a loss by removals one of which took from us our Superintendent, yet we believe other schools will be benefited by the [illegible] of our [illegible] regular attendants a good exhibit in the children classes showing [illegible] by a knowledge of the lesson obtained by [illegible] study, and not being confined to the text-book. The adult class as a class we can not give the same commendable though there are some exceptions. The attendance is good and the general interest also We are certain if more time and study were given the lesson before the school hour, the students would be obliged to admit that the time in school would be much more pleasantly and profitably spent, and would look back upon unstudied lessons, querying how they could have passed them with so little thought. We think the following statistics will show us in a good condition, and that our school is in perfect harmony, working for a common interest. Since our last Quarterly Conference our school has held twenty-six sessions. There have been seven Sundays on which no school was held. Of this number two were postponed on account of our Union Quarterly Meeting, three for Semi-[illegible] meetings, two for appointed meetings of

Friends, one for a funeral and one in consequence of a heavy snow storm.
Largest number present at any session
Daily ave. Enrolled number Fourteen.
Average number twenty four.

After paying for Sessions Books and whiteboard paper from the Treasury collection we have in the treasury $3.20.

Hannah R. Close
Superintendent.

Treasurers Report

To the Quarterly Conference to be held at Amesbury 5th mo. 24th 1882.

Balance on hand 10th mo. 24th 1881 $ 7.82
Received 4th mo. 19th 1882 from Sunday Co. $ 3.29
Paid by order of Con. 4th mo. 19th 1882 in Amesbury

Salvain School	$2.00
For South Weare	$ 2.00
In Hampstead	$ 2.00
Paid Mary Ann Folsom 1st mo 19th for Epping	$ 3.00
Balance on hand 5th mo. 24th 1882	$ 4.11

Huldah G. Buxton
Treasurer.

In consideration of there being so few written reports the Conference again earnestly recommended that the Ex. Committee either draw up a written report of the schools under their care or request their Superintendent to do so and forward the same to next succeeding Con.

Essay

An essay on Service composed by Sarah D. Brown and read by Nellie Osborne was now listened with attention pleasure and profit.

The Chairman said "A most excellent essay from which we may all gain instruction,

Lord has something for us to do. The literary man, the mechanic, the farmer, the teacher, the mother at home with her little ones, may all the time be doing acceptable service for the Master"_ .

A. and E. Cuttle

The Conference next entered upon the consideration of the benefits accruing to a Sabbath School teacher from a close study of the Bible. The subject was opened by

W. Boyce

W. D. Boyce who showed how much a teacher needs to be well posted on the history, geography &c. of the Bible. To further illustrate he read the parable of the concerning the duty of stewards in the oriental country. "Every teacher should be sharp and ready to answer any or all questions which

E. J. Larkin

may come up. Lizzie E. Larkin said "Ever more and more my conviction that more depends on teachers. We want to get so full of the Bible that our scholars will want to get full also. Do let us get so interested that our scholars cannot help getting interested"

A. Hanna

A. Hanna said "We if they the truth"

A. Tuttle Asa Tuttle said although a stranger he felt he had a part in this matter "One of the great things that comes to us in our work is the want of the Bible. In a word we want to create such a [illegible] Bible that we can feel [illegible]

E. Tuttle "Emeline Tuttle would never dare go before a class without being thoroughly [illegible] Sabbath School. She considered the privilege of carrying the Bible for the first time to two whole tribes, one of the brightest experiences of her life. Such it became instead of less. It take the whole Bible to convict a sinner. The more earnestly we go to the Lord [illegible]

Question Resumed "Is it important that temperance should form a part of our Sabbath School instruction?" Opened by Lizzie Burdick in an affirmative [illegible] which she was warmly seconded by Asa Tuttle and others. She would not teach it as a hobby but as a Bible principle.

Joyce "Temperance should be taught in all places we cannot leave it out" Chairman thought the remark very practical and said that behind all else lay the power of home influence. Emeline Tuttle said "Put on the whole armor" The Bible says out the moral law- clean handed and pure hearted."

Collection A collection was not reported - A season of waiting and Conference adjourned to meet in the 10th Sec. at Meare.

Lucia M. Love.

Secretary.

Salem Quarterly Meeting Commences at
[illegible] School House at South Dana
10th mo. 18th 1882. Conference opened by
reading [illegible] Prayer. The minutes of last [illegible]
[illegible] and approved. Minutes of [illegible]
[illegible] were [illegible]
[illegible] read.

Report
Lynn. The Bible School at Lynn commenced its school year 9th mo. 1st when the annual election of officers took place. We have adopted a new set of "Rules and Regulations" for the government of our school, one of which changes its name from First day to Bible School. The term used by the [illegible]
[illegible] is [illegible]
scholars, 15, teachers, and 4, officers.
Average attendance 90. These figures may [illegible] compared with some of our country schools, but for one in a city the size of Lynn it is small, only about one half of the membership of our meeting are enrolled on our list.
Eighty new books have been added to our library. One hundred and fifty of the older books have been taken out and some of them given to schools needing them. A [illegible] has been [illegible] and [illegible] for distribution among our scholars, the expense of which together with the new books referred to was met by an appropriation from our Preparative Meeting. There is much harmony

[illegible] workers in the school and we are looking for and expecting the blessing of the Lord upon our efforts to bring our scholars to a personal knowledge of [illegible]

Lynn 10th mo. 17th 1882.

To the Quarterly Meeting Conference
Our school has continued with a good degree of interest since our last report.
[illegible] the absence of some of our older friends, many of those who attend meeting remain at school. The classes have kept their numbers well up to the average of our last report. Our Delegates to the First day School Conference at South Durham Maine, [illegible] encouraging account [illegible] and tended to encourage and strengthen the faint hearted.
Resolutions have been formed anew, and we anticipate growing interest in the school the coming year.

By order the Ex. Com.
David [illegible] Clerk.

Amesbury 10th mo. 13th 1882.

Ephing.

To the First day School Conference to be held at No. Weare 10th mo. 18th 1882.

[illegible] Our school is composed of a [illegible] and [illegible] classes of children the average [illegible] attendance [illegible] about 3.
More number who have attended, 14 children

Ephrata. and 7 is the Bible Class. We have a very good [illegible] who have faithfully labored for the interest of the school.

$20. spent for books the past year.

Mary A. Folsom
Moses C. Nichols. } Ex. Com.

Boston "[illegible] city. Our school is composed of a Bible Class for Adults, and four classes for children. The interest in the Bible Class was good throughout the summer. Very [illegible]

Since the first of the 1st mo. (when our school year commenced) the average attendance has been 32. a gain of 10 over the average for the whole of last [illegible]

Olney T. Meader
Mary B. Swan. } Ex. Com.

N. Haven. Report from No. Deane.

Our school has continued through the year without interruption. The average attendance is about [illegible] although we have forty three named on the list. We need the [illegible] first half of the year has changed

J. Weare. to the Lesson Helps published by David C. Cook of Chicago of which we use three different grades.

The school is divided into five classes. Three for adults and two for the children.

By order the Executive Committee.
Ericilene E. Hamblin.

J. Weare.

Report of Clinton Grove First-day School.

We would be glad to report an increase in numbers since our last Semi-Annual Conference but are unable to do so.

Our average has been 26.

We can however report an increased [illegible] proof of some of our labours, and [illegible] today, with gratitude to our Heavenly Father, [illegible]. Also we feel many others whom we would be glad to see gathered in to our school, and undoubtedly when we long for their souls' welfare a [illegible] and our efforts [illegible] with our desires we shall welcome them

J. Weare. to our numbers. To those of us who are interested, our school is a very pleasant place, and we feel that we are profited and blessed by meeting together.

Since our last report one of our beloved members Robert E. Chase has suddenly been called up higher. He had [illegible] of his sisters [illegible] and so the hasty summons did [illegible]

St. Louis [illegible]
greatly but our God is [illegible]
rejoicing. Christ is [illegible];
that His term of service is not "ended,
only infinitely, grandly, enlarged.
Already we know of one dear young
soul, saved through this death, and we
believe many more will follow.
We know that our "labor is not in
vain in the Lord."
One precious soul won for Christ
[illegible] and our
Lord so wonderfully blesses our
smallest efforts to serve Him that it is
indeed a priceless privilege to do so.
"So do we gather strength and hope anew;
[illegible]
[illegible]
And though the full ripe ears we sadly few
Now will accept our sheaves."

Dennis R. Chase
Supt.

Kennebec So [illegible] Sunday Meeting-Conference.
Our school at Kennebec [illegible] the
same in number, but with an increase
in the average attendance, giving
evidence that the interest is [illegible]

Dana E. Huntington
Supt.

encouraging visit was communicated that there had yet no school at Salem or West Newbury which fact brought out expressions of much earnest feeling on the subject. After consideration it was decided to leave Salem in the care of the Yearly Meeting committee for East Newbury. The matter was left to the Clerk, and the following names proposed: Albert E. Bill, Sarah A. Bill, Mr. Allen Bailey, Lennie O. Bailey [illegible]

Conference united.

Edward H. Jones then read the Epistle with the reading of which Conference at So. Dartmouth. The Scriptures are all we need to know upon our minds the importance of acquaintance with the Scriptures. A dictionary one of the best guides to the Bible.

Lydia H. Larkin

a thorough knowledge of the arrangement and location of the books of the Bible. We want to know what part of the Bible we are to go to.

Elmer F. Chester I died in the Spirit from them that an addition and

been made to the Library and invited to know how they managed to decide what books to have, and how to get them. George C. Herbert said they were fortunate enough to have a person on the committee who had read a great deal and was a good judge of books. All their books were carefully read before being placed in the Library.

Geo. A. Barton said "we must study the Bible as though we had lost ... receive impressions. Approach the Bible in prayer that God will give us good understanding."

Micajah C. Binford said many things were important and read some very instructive notes he had collected from time to time.

Louisa Hidgium said she loved to go to the Bible School, loved to learn, loved to teach, and the more she learned the more she wished to know. She ... not to have a Bible School, and hoped all would be encouraged.

... afternoon being decided upon. The Conference adjourned to meet at Amesbury on 4th day preceding the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th mo. next.

Anna M. Dove.

Sec.

[illegible]

Congress opened by the reading of the 1st Chpt. Matthew followed by the usual Morning devotion in which prayer was offered, and grace [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

ensuing year, nominations being made from the floor and the following were proposed and elected,

For Chairman Charles E. [illegible]

For Secretary Anna M. Gove

Lynn — Lucy F. Herbert

Lynn & Dom. — Lavega Loring Crosman

Salem — Alfred Cunning
[illegible]

Boston — Gilbert C. Hoag
Louisa P. Hoag

Gilbert C. Hill
Alice W. Canfield

[illegible]

Epping — Moses O. Nichols
Evelyn Folsom

Kensington — Dana E. Huntington
Laura A. Huntington

S. Hampton — Charles H. Jones
Mary A. Ames

N. Hampton — Ephemiah Bragg
Adelina M. Thorndike

Exeter — Albert N. Peaslee
Mary Peaslee

At the request of Olney S. Wheeler the Sec. read the portion of the Constitution relating to the duties of Executive Committee and of the Officers of the Conv. not present be informed of the action of this Conv.

Reports — Reports from several of the County Sunday School Conventions were made and were as follows.

Rockingham County Sunday School Conference.

Dear Bro. it gives me pleasure to report that our Sabbath School Conference, in which number of schools and teachers are larger than ever before, and the average attendance each Sabbath having been quite large. The interest felt seems to be considerable and

a recent decision for increased accommodations gives cause for encouragement. During recent years our infant class which we regard an important feature in every school work has [illegible] many new children the class now numbering 71. We have endeavored during the past year to make our school and [illegible] attractive to the children [illegible] by having a piano which will be useful [illegible] A recent gift for this purpose was recently [illegible] a simple entertainment [illegible] Children's Parlor This being followed by [illegible] exercises by the children. A large [illegible] and the occasion was most thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Such gatherings as these tend to [illegible] and it is our privilege to [illegible] A children's prayer [illegible] Bible [illegible] We feel that all our efforts are well directed which will tend to instil into our young people deeper religious life so that they may grow Christlike with the fundamental truths of Christianity, while [illegible]

may live to the glory of our Father
in Heaven.

Submitted on behalf of the
Superintendent

George Corning Rossman
Asst.

Lynn 5th Mo 21st 1883.

Salem

Still no school reported
from Salem.

Boston

To the Quarterly Meeting
Conference to be held at Amesbury, the
23rd. Our school remains much the
same as when we reported last. The
membership at the present time including
officers and teachers 45 - average attendance
32 - [illegible] Children [illegible]
Friends alike interested in the school and
all attend when practicable
Boston 5-21-1883 Susan H. Mosher Sec.

Amesbury

To the Quarterly Meeting Conference
to be held at Amesbury the 23rd inst.

Our School has continued
since our last [illegible]
The interest we believe is increasing and the
attendance fully maintained. [illegible]
[illegible] members 85, average attendance 24
We have four classes one of
Adults Friends using the Bible only as a
text book - [illegible] classes of [illegible]
and younger members using the
Scholars Quarterly as a text book.
One infant class. Nearly all of our

[illegible] Bible School [illegible] Bible School an invaluable support to the successful maintainance [illegible] Meetings.

Submitted for Amesbury Bible School 5th mo 25th 1883

Albert C. Hill Sec

West Newbury & Haverhill

No report from West Newbury or Haverhill

Kennebunk

Dana E. Flemington reported a good degree of interest still maintained at [illegible]

S. Berwick

[illegible] as the last averaging we should make about 81, We have three classes using three different grades of Quarterlies, The interest continues very good, We have a Quarterly meeting in which the three schools in the Monthly Meeting participate, We think we derive much benefit from these,

Dennis R. Chase

Sec.

N. Berwick

No report from North Berwick,

Charles H. Jones spoke of the School as a very interesting part of the Meeting and that there was a desire to [illegible] with reference to the report from Olivet to the Yearly Meeting Bible School Convention, Directed to be forwarded

urged the subject of written reports. was glad to hear the report from Lyon [illegible] had been circulated in their school and for strangers and visitors as a means of good

Abigail C Beebe said she was [illegible] had been circulated in their school and hoped that all would sign it.

George A. Barton said he thought social meetings not only a privilege but a duty. thinks it a means of holding the children & young people together.

[illegible] read a few sentences from a "Word to the wise & our Sabbath School" which called out a general expression from the [illegible] but [illegible] we need more. The thing we need most is teachers well prepared heads, hearts and let object the benefit of the class said he believed the Holy spirit within the reach [illegible] of the greatest need. The greatest need aside from the one great need more study. He described a class with which he had been associated when the lack of study was sadly experienced.

Gilbert C. Gray [illegible] recommendation [illegible]

that for these reasons he thought we
as would accord with the peculiar views
of our Society.

Remarks

The sentiments of Bro. D.
Hoag were heartily endorsed by Charles
H. Jones. Geo. D. Barton said he was much
interested in this
that some propos
occupied his mind so long had taken
such deep hold of others.

Mary A. Chase. Almon
C. Hill and others also endorsed the
and Dec. of this Conference constitute
Yearly Meeting to receive
some in the way of denominational
The Conference then decided
to leave the subject with the Com
Alma M. Chase, &c.,

Salem Quarterly Meeting Conference of Bible schools held at Salem 10th mo. 17th 1895.

The conference was called to order a little past the hour appointed by the Secretary. The Chairman being necessarily absent for a while Edwin B. Hoag was appointed to fill the chair until his arrival and proceeded to read a part of the last Book of Mark, after which prayer was offered by Elizabeth L. Lawton and the Conference entered upon its usual preliminary business, the reading of reports from the different schools.

Salem not reported.

Boston. To Salem Quarterly Conference:

The average attendance at the Boston Bible School since our last report has been twenty seven. It has been previously explained to the Conference that during the summer months nearly all the children are out of the city which will account for the low average attendance as compared with the previous report. The interest in our School is unabated. Nearly all the children of Friends of proper age are constant attendants, also a considerable number of adult Friends. In order to vary the exercises of the School somewhat and at the same time increase its influence upon our scholars, our School in the Seventh was devoted to the ____ of peace. An address was delivered on this subject by the Secretary of the American Peace Society, after which remarks were

made by several Friends, and our
[illegible] action in that subject was
[illegible]. Since this time some
of the boys in our school have had the
opportunity to bear a more positive
testimony. The rules of the higher public
[illegible] in this city require that [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible] and
drill by boys of suitable age and
[illegible] boys thus situated had the principles
peace so [illegible] in their minds
as to manifest conscientious objections to
conforming to their rule. The teachers were
so strict as to [illegible]
even after their reasons were offered until
[illegible]
statute which provides that no person
conscientious scruples against
military duty shall be [illegible]
[illegible]
These boys and their friends were
thankful for the law which protected
them in their peace principles It may
be proper to mention that this provision of
the law was the direct result of the labor
of Salem Monthly Meeting before the Legislature
at the time the law was made. Our recent
experience leads us to encourage all schools
to [illegible] to the instruction of the
children on the subject of peace.

Our school was favored to the profit of
temperance in the Ninth month and was
addressed by a member of the Temperance

[illegible] this subject was much revered.
We think the advantage derived from this variation from the ordinary exercises in both instances has been very beneficial.

We have records for a [illegible] Bible class intended especially for quite young ladies and gentlemen.

Signed

Robert L. Long

Thomas J. Hoag

Sunday 5th The Bible School Convention was held at Weare the 17th inst.

Our school at Amesbury has been in a [illegible] The average has increased [illegible] The infant class has grown from [illegible] organized by a [illegible] class in the school.

The experiment [illegible] of taking a collection near the close of each session has proved successful. We [illegible] for all purposes during the summer when our [illegible] be all. If this could be [illegible] to get all our members together [illegible] a large [illegible] meeting and Bible School.

The [illegible] Quarterly

By order of Ex. Committee

Daniel C. Mayfield

10th mo. 13th 1883.

Lynn

To the Bible School Conv. of Salem 2 r. M.

Our School has averaged the last quarter an attendance of 94. Largest attendance [illegible] number 12. Last year average for the summer months. Our penny collections amounted to $ 22 for the last quarter We are devoting it this month to the No. Carolina mission A new feature of interest in the School is the admission of two Chinamen as pupils. As they learn the English language we hope the truths of [illegible] Christ may be so presented as to find acceptance in their hearts. One peculiarity of this kind of instruction is that each pupil needs a teacher At the Chinese school in Boston under the superintendence of Miss Carter, there is an average of 95 scholars and 90 teachers.

The [illegible] lessons published by the Sun Publishing Co. illustrating the lessons each sabbath are used by us.

The children's meetings are conducted by Mr. H. Bancroft Gill an interested [illegible] all seasons of year [illegible] the [illegible] about eighty were [illegible] children.

For the Committee

Lucy L. Herbert.

Lynnfield

The Bible School at West Lynnfield has been discontinued for some time past. The principal reason is owing to the small number of friends. There is but one child who attends the meeting and eight adults. The number is even smaller than this during part of the year. While the

members of this meeting would appreciate the benefits of a Bible School. It does not seem to them possible to us to [illegible] the existing circumstances.

For the Com.

Jno. G. Evans.

No. Weare To the Bible School Conference to be held at Weare the 17th inst. Our school has continued without interruption during the past year. Our [illegible] have been very regular. Our number does not increase but the majority who attend enjoy the hour spent over the lesson so much that we wonder so many of our members are willing to deprive themselves of the privilege of this study in the Bible together.

We have four classes. Two adult and two of the younger members. The children frequently give us a select reading or recitation which the older ones enjoy as much as the younger.

Per order of Ex. Com.

E. Weare The retrospect of the year just passed shows nothing specially new in methods of work but we are glad to report an increase of interest. We have three classes in Bible class, one for young people and one for children. In the Bible class there is a gain in interest shown in a less close confinement to the lesson notes and more frequent expression of thought.

The young people and children generally are hearty in co-operating with our work and punctual in their attendance.

and manifest a good degree of interest in the lesson. We have had some cases of conversion in the school and feel that our children are being thoroughly trained in Bible truths. Our average attendance is about thirty. On the whole we feel that we have no cause for discouragement, but great cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father. For the Com.

Mary Almy Chase

Hamilton Our school at the present time numbers but 24 scholars with an average attendance of 16. The interest is quite good.

Hamilton Mass. Oct. 17th 1883.

Dana E. Huntington Supt.

Pittsfield To the Bible School Com.

During the past four months school has been held every Sabbath with but one exception. The school was then omitted on account of a funeral. The average attendance has been 27. The greatest number present at one time 38. The Sunday [illegible] several donations of books from friends have been gratefully received. The collections [illegible] to defray the expenses of the school nearly meet its requirements.

For the Com.

Albert F. Parker

Mary S Parker

Pittsfield Me Oct 18th 1883.

The Conference was much encouraged by so many visits. Each scholar [illegible] would yet be [illegible] and said [illegible] encouraged [illegible] by

the report of today. Chairman thought the language of our heads ought to be "Teach and not take charge". C. H. Jones thinks it proper & practicable daily for the teacher to read a verse of the lesson
B. Breed thought the suggestions contained in the Boston report thoroughly practical. Thinks it important that our children be instructed in the principles of our society.
Olney F. Meader said he was glad that in the matter of collections the schools had been generally successful. He thinks we ought to teach our children the blessedness of giving and teach them what they are giving for. After the singing of a hymn the question how to study the character of the old Testament in a manner to interest and instruct children was intelligently discussed and was happily illustrated by a lesson on the life of Moses, given by a class of boys and girls conducted by Miss F. Carter.
Jennie Breed then repeated that noble poem written on the burial of Moses by Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander.
The Conference then listened to a very able and interesting [illegible] by Sadie Sawyer
The subject God. The theme founded on the opening lines of a poem addressed to the Deity by Derzavin a Russian lyric poet of distinction - the object of the essayist being to direct the mind of the [illegible] and [illegible] spirit of God. Chairman said he doubted not he should

speak the entire sentiment of the conference in saying how much we had been edified and moved by the beauty of expression and depth of thought, felt by the spirit of the Master breathing throughout the essay.

There was much earnest expression of feeling in regard to the essay, and at the proposition of Mary F. Chase the conference tendered its thanks to the essayist by rising.

Miscellaneous items were advanced by different persons in regard to the various departments of Bible school work. Geo. Barton thinks no rule can be made regarding the use of lesson notes. Another hymn was sung and J. F. Chase proffered a request for money from the treasury to replenish the library of the So. Weare school. After much of the same nature being made it was decided to divide the money in the treasury equally between So. Weare, Henniker and Pittsfield. A collection was taken and the conference adjourned to meet at Deering at 3 P.M. on the afternoon of the 2nd day during the Quarterly Meeting in the 5th mo.

Emma M. Lane.

Secretary.

[illegible]

Confirmation [illegible]
Secretary, and the reports were
then presented. Odon F. Rhodes was
appointed for the day, and the minutes
of the previous meeting were read.
The secretary's report was then read
and accepted, after which [illegible]
was read by Ruth E. Osborne followed
by remarks by Mrs. Carrie C. Mayfield
who requested that we the Young People
different parts pick the officers were
elected the present officers should
for the meeting and since no
nominations were made by the
previous [illegible] officers of the Conference
the ensuing years. The Conference
voted to [illegible] the present officers
and the following were [illegible]

[illegible]
J. Frank Grimes
Edna Mendenhall
Lizzie Cook
Alice M. Coppock.

Note- Reports of each of the [illegible]
[illegible]

scholars

Executive committee
Balance Thomas Ward
Julietta Ward

J. Edward Page
Mary Hall

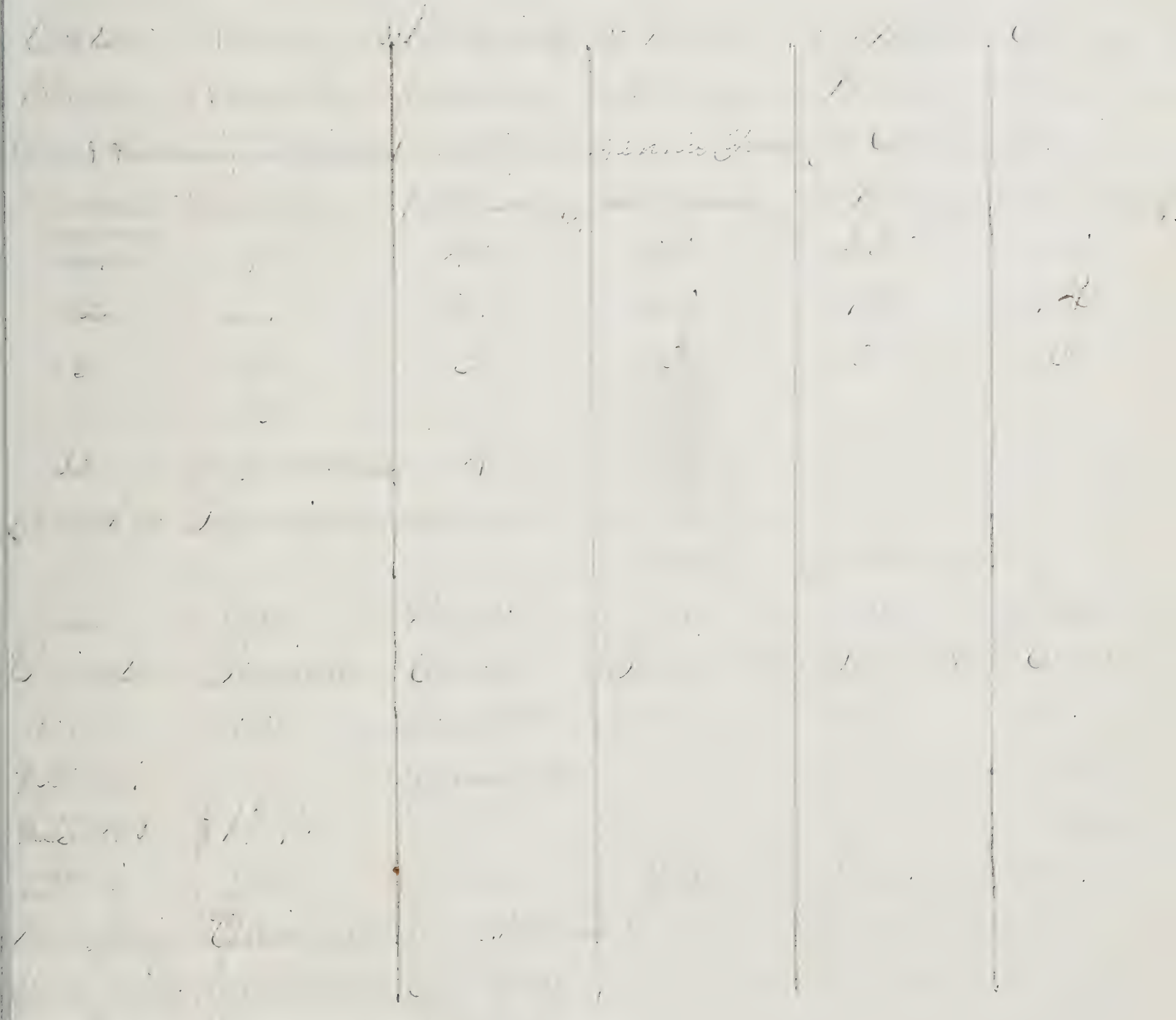
A. J. Huntington

Cyrus Nichols
Ann Nichols

Sarah Priddy H. Osborne
Julietta Skowdicki

Sarah George E. Jones
Ellen Jones

Mary B. Pulver
Mary B. Pulver



Jonathan M. Osborne
Owen Lane
Ellen M. Osborne
Anna M. Coe.

Name of your district.	Boston	Lynn	Lawrence
Name of your Local Union.	Boston	Salem	Boston
Name of Superintendent.	Appointed by Boston	Jas. C. Hebert	H. Binney Lawrence
Number of Schools including teachers.	45	162	53
Number of Pupils.	34	110	37
Number of Teachers.	6	20	2
Number of Friends who have signed the Total Abstinence Pledge.	From this year	6	
Number who have signed the Pledge	34	116	
Is the subject of the Bible studied in your schools?	No	Yes.	
Have you had any conversions this year?	None	Yes	
Do you have Lessons?	No	Yes	
Did you ever have Scholarships?	Formerly	Formerly	Formerly
Do you have Teachers Meetings?	No	Yes	
Amount of Dues.	28.35		
Do your Schools meet in the year?	No	Yes	Yes
Where?	Shirley, Hyde Park, Roslindale, Dedham	Angel Street	Lyons

Several Friends wished to consolidate the idea of having a collection in the schools as promoting the best of the children and creating a

The rest of the committee on officers were not present and declined serving as directors.—

President — C. C. [illegible]

Secretary — Ruth E. Carruth

Treasurer — J. Frank Chase

Amesbury	So. Hoarse.	Pittsfield			
Amesbury	Hoarse	Amesbury		Hoarse	
[illegible]	[illegible]	A. Hoarse		[illegible]	
[illegible]	East Deering.	Pittsfield N. Ha	West Epping N.H.	[illegible]	
43	30	60	19	0	6
30	10	28	13		
4	1	1			
		1			
		1			
No	No	None			
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Coal	Coal	Coal	Coal		Kerosene
do	do	do	do	do	do
$23.08		None	None	$5.35	
$ 0		None			
Yes		Yes	Generally		
[illegible]		Wood & Coal	None		
[illegible]		Wood for Lambs			
[illegible]					
[illegible]					
[illegible]					
[illegible]					

Howard Hoard.
Lizzie M. Hoard

Howard Hill
Mary P. Hill

Helen

Willard Manning
Margaret P. Valentine.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

Leave of absence was granted to Councillor Hall.

Petitions.

The Clerk read the following petition:

To the Municipal Council of the Township of Scarborough.

We, the undersigned ratepayers of the Township of Scarborough, hereby petition your Council to grant us a By-law to close up the road allowance between Lots 29 and 30 in the 3rd Concession of the Township of Scarborough, and to sell the same to the adjoining owners.

Dated at Scarborough this 1st day of June, A.D. 1914.

Signed by:

Wm. Gibson,
Chairman.

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Superintendent	[illegible]	Geo. C. Herbert	E. M. Valentine
Post Office Address.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Number of Scholars including Teachers	38	105	28
Average Attendance	31	93	26
Number of Classes.	5	18	
[illegible]			
[illegible]	37	109	[illegible]
Number of the Bible study in use		18	Yes.
Does your Sunday-school observe the [illegible]	None		None!
Is your School the Lesson Plan?	Yes	Yes	Yes
[illegible]			[illegible]
[illegible]			[illegible]
Does your Sunday-school observe the [illegible]	Yes	Yes	Yes
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Total.

[illegible]

After a few remarks [illegible]
determined to short prayers [illegible]

Yours &c Clowe

[illegible]

[illegible] Dec. 5th & 26th 1866.

The Conference [illegible]
[illegible] short prayers
[illegible]

[illegible]
accepted.

The Committee appointed at the previous Conference to bring in names of Officers for the ensuing year reported which report was [illegible]

[illegible]

Name of your Meeting	Boston	Lynn	Salem
Name of your Monthly Meeting	Boston	Salem	Salem
[illegible]	A. A. Allen	J. C. Hobbs	S. K. Nawell
[illegible]	215 Shawmut St. Boston	Lynn	Salem
Membership of your School including teachers	44 ~~27~~ 26	142 90 90	22 19
Average attendance			
Number of Classes	6	16	2
Number of Friends who have signed the Total Abstinence Pledge	None	3	
Number who have signed the Life Pledge.		15	
Has interest in the Bible study increasing?		No	Yes
Have you had any conference this year?	No	None	
Do you use the Lesson Leaf	Yes	None Quarterlies	Yes
[illegible]	The Lesson Leaf Quarterly Mrs. M. J. Kennedy	Friends & others	[illegible]
Do you hold Teachers Meetings?	No	Yes	No
[illegible]	$13.46	$13.98	$5.50
Money raised for other purposes	$10.30	$32.18	$1.50
Has your school continued all the year?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Any additional items			
What papers do you distribute?	"Words of Life" "The Day Spring" "Gleanings" "[illegible]"	"Little Missionary"	Gleanings Words of Life Day Spring [illegible]

Report from Bible School at Amesbury

[illegible] Bible school in Amesbury as [illegible]
[illegible] will be found [illegible]

Whole membership of school 55
Average attendance 30

[illegible] from Classes, one of which is [illegible]
are to warrant us in dividing it accordingly, [illegible]
five in all.

The class of older persons do not use the

No. Years	No. Years	Epping	Camden	Pittsfield	Lawrence
Years	Years.	Academy	Years	Academy	Years
L. H. Osborne	Daniel R. Shaw	Rev. O. Scholfield	E. Remington	C. E. Tucker	Stephen Merrill
Professor	No. Teachers	Teachers	No. Teachers	No. Teachers	No. Teachers
30	25	16	10	34	40
18	20	13	8	24	37
3.	2	3	1	4	3
				3	14
				5	
		No	No	Yes	Yes
	No		No	No	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends Quarterly	Friends
Yearly	Yearly	Yearly	Yearly	Friday	Yearly
No	No	No	No	No.	No
$3.00			None	$6.70	$4.00
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pupils & Parents	Alvin Leaf Wm. deG. Lee Ralph Bacon Geo. Hughes Miss. Temp. Tate		All	Friends Pub. Co. Papers and Temperance Banner.	Wayfaring Words of Life

interesting. The Sabbath interest in general Bible study is increasing and deep interest is taken in the Sabbath Truths. [illegible] last six months lessons. Some of our members [illegible] up the Old Testament course, conducted by the Yearly Meeting Committee.

Our weekly collection has been kept up. The 2d quarter of the [illegible] to $11.15. The 3d quarter [illegible] to the F.M.C. & of evangelists to $15.00. Considering the number of our scholars and their ability we have a right to expect a greater influence

from our school, which we shall pay [illegible]
for the next six months.

Ex. Com. J. Warren Huntington
Susan L. B[illegible]

Rec'd a letter suggesting that the matter
concerning the signing of the pledge be changed
to "How many Friends have signed the Pledge."
"[illegible]" it was thought a very
good suggestion.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted
and it was decided to appropriate three dollars
($3.00) for the Attleboro school, the money to remain in
the treasury until called for.

[illegible]

"[illegible] the Attleboro school appropriation for the
[illegible]" He said the way had
been opened, its usefulness was to [illegible]

It interests the young and is [illegible]
[illegible] the Bible we must [illegible] to
study it." A scholar after thoroughly
[illegible] than some theological students. [illegible]
[illegible] Rev. D. L. Moody announcing [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] we should [illegible] for the
[illegible] to be saved and wonder how we shall
be saved if we neglect to obey the command in
studying the Gospel.

George Barton [illegible]

[illegible] Holy Spirit and [illegible]
to this work. He spoke of two kinds of
knowledge, that [illegible] it is only
with text, that we may know the aggregate
of the teaching of the Bible [illegible]
much else cannot be said on this kind of
knowledge; study the writers, their style, their writing

Many passages of Scripture made more
interesting when we know the historical connection

One way to acquire this familiarity
with the Scriptures is to commit passages to memory.

Elwood Scott said we should study to
know God as he is revealed to us in His
Scriptures, and the more we study in, the more we shall love it.

[illegible] cannot [illegible] a Sabbath School without
[illegible] saw an interesting Sabbath School; it will be
a great aid to the church.

Lizzie Lark in response to the topic Their
familiarity with the Scriptures, he what

[illegible] to study the Scriptures. The thought [illegible]
The day had passed, when Friends [illegible]
and making their children too familiar with
[illegible]
We thought we should be familiar with
the Books of the Bible and where to find them,
and more what was Bible and what was not.
William Sutton endorsed what had been
said on [illegible] the Bible was
[illegible] We were not familiar enough with
the Old Testament
Conference adjourned to meet at Yearsley
10th mo 20th at half past two o'clock.
After a few moments of silent worship
[illegible]

Treasurers Report.

[illegible] to be held in Yearsley on the 20th inst.

Amount of money on hand as specified
in 5th mo last £ 6. 11
[illegible] 3. 1

£ 3. 10.

J. F. Place, Treasurer.

The Committee appointed at Yearly Meeting's Quarterly Meeting's Sabbath School Conference in 10th mo. last to present to this meeting the names of persons for officers for the year beginning 10th mo. 1886.

Submit the following:-

Chairman
Charles H. Cromwell

[illegible]

[illegible] Chase

[illegible]

Salem { Mary S. Mead.
Mary B. Swan.

Lynn { Louis A. Aldrich
Belle B. Chase

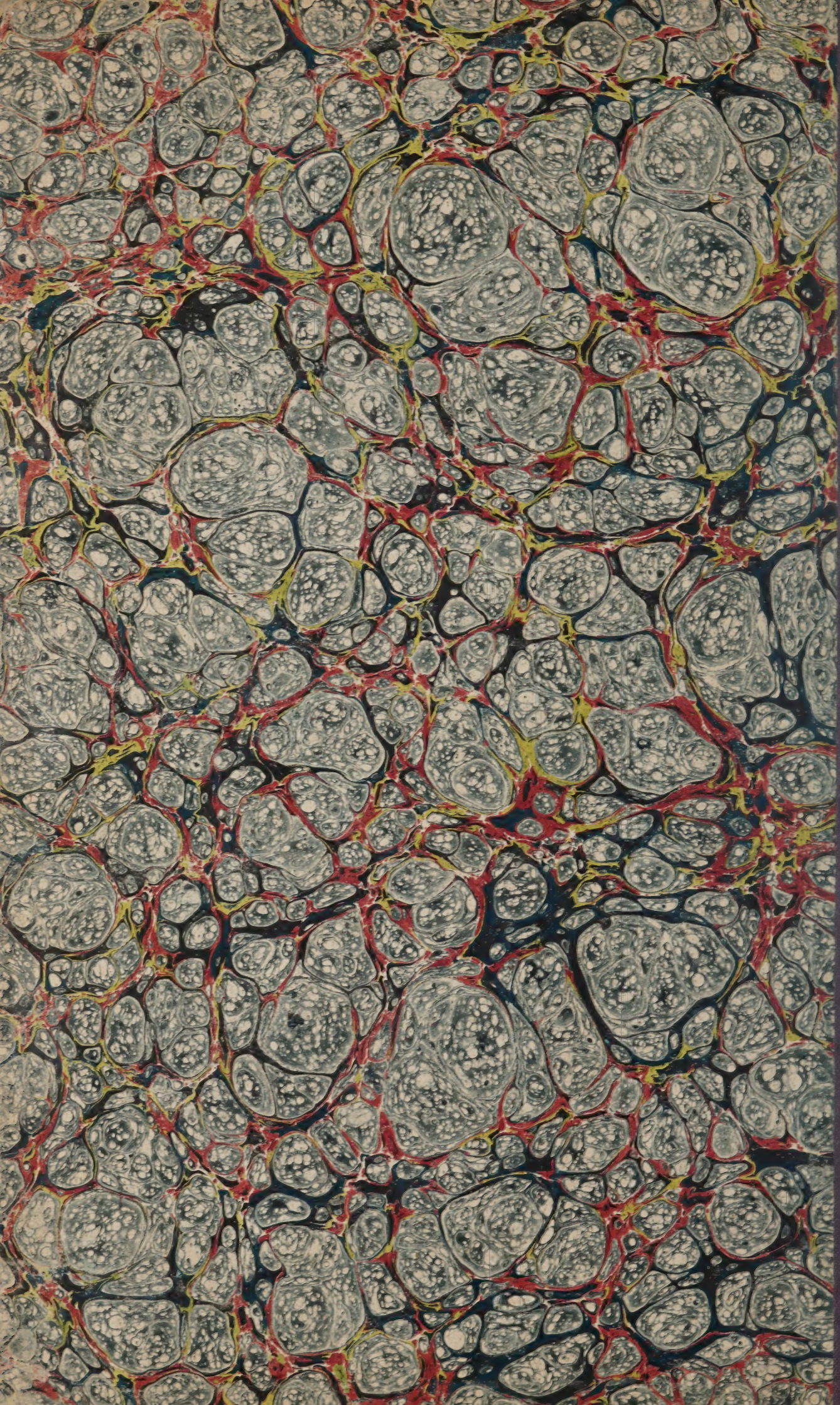
[illegible] { [illegible]
Ellen M. Hansom

Amesbury { J. Warren Huntington
Susan L. Brown

So. Weare { Lindley M. Sawyer
Lizzie M. Sawyer

So. Weare { Willard A. Jones
[illegible] V. [illegible]

Kennebec { Enoch C. Huntington
Lavinia G. Huntington

Epping { Moses O. Nichols
Ruth A. Beede

Pittsfield { Charles Peaslee
[illegible]